



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Baptism - Rite II
The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
October 2nd, 2022
10:00 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

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

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Bagpipe Prelude

Prelude

John G. Barr (b. 1938)

Prelude on "The Church's one foundation"

The hymns can be found in the blue hymnals. Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn 525

AURELIA

"The Church's one foundation"

Celebrant

Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

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

Celebrant

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Mary Magdalene to be a witness of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 42:1-7

sung by the Choir

- ¹ As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- ² My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- ³ My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me,
"Where now is your God?"
- ⁴ I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
- ⁵ With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.
- ⁶ Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- ⁷ Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him,
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-18

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 490

HOUSTON

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

*Children in Pre-K – 7th Grade may proceed to their classrooms for
Church School at the beginning of the first verse.*

The Holy Gospel

John 20:11-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Julie V. Kelsey

All stand to sing.

Baptismal Hymn 296

ENGELBERG

"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

We present Laine Madeleine to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the parents and Godparents the following questions:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Then the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with Laine, and her parents and Godparents who are committing themselves to Christ as we renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born
of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried. He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes

We pray for Lyn and Marissa, Laine's parents, and Olivia, Laura, Rachel, Sue, and Jessica who have taken vows as Godparents. Gracious God, make each of them strong and faithful in the promises they have made this day.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Priest says

Laine Madeleine, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using the Chrism and saying

Laine Madeleine, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Parents and Godparents are presented with a candle, lit from the Pascal candle, Marissa and Lyn, Laura, Rachel, Jessica, Sue, and Olivia, receive this light on behalf of Laine and help her to shine in this world with the light of Christ.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Choral Benediction

Peter C. Lutkin (1858–1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you; And give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you. And be gracious unto you. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation is seated.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–94)

Sicut cervus

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,
ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,
so longs my soul for you, O God.

— Psalm 42:1



Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St. Matthew's. Be part of God's mission with us as we make our way out of the COVID season and into the new life God promises.

Visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering. Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation.

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology at the Presentation *sung by all* **THE OLD HUNDREDTH**

**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 our 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

Sanctus – S129

Sung by all

setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people remain standing or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, Gracious God, creator of the universe and giver 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 you 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.

Christ 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 into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and son, that with Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, 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,

Celebrant and People

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.

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.**

Fraction Anthem – S169

Sung by all

setting by Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a rest followed by a double bar line with repeat dots. The lyrics are: "My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -". The second line starts with a first ending bracket labeled "1" and "All" above it, with lyrics "deed, says the Lord. My Lord." followed by a second ending bracket labeled "2" and "Cantor or Choir" above it, with lyrics "Those who eat my". The third line is marked "All" and has lyrics "flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My". The fourth line concludes with the lyrics "flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord." and ends with a double bar line.

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. The Ushers will help you move toward the center in single file, socially distanced lines. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down.

After you receive the bread or a blessing, you may make your way back to your pew.

If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

The People may remain seated to sing the communion hymns.

Communion Hymn 335

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

“I am the bread of life”

Communion Hymn

“Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling”

All sing.

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's
2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and
3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. —
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? —
3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. —
4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. —

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call-ing, Call-ing, O sin - ner, come home!

If you are joining from home or have not received communion, you may offer this prayer to the Lord.

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.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

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

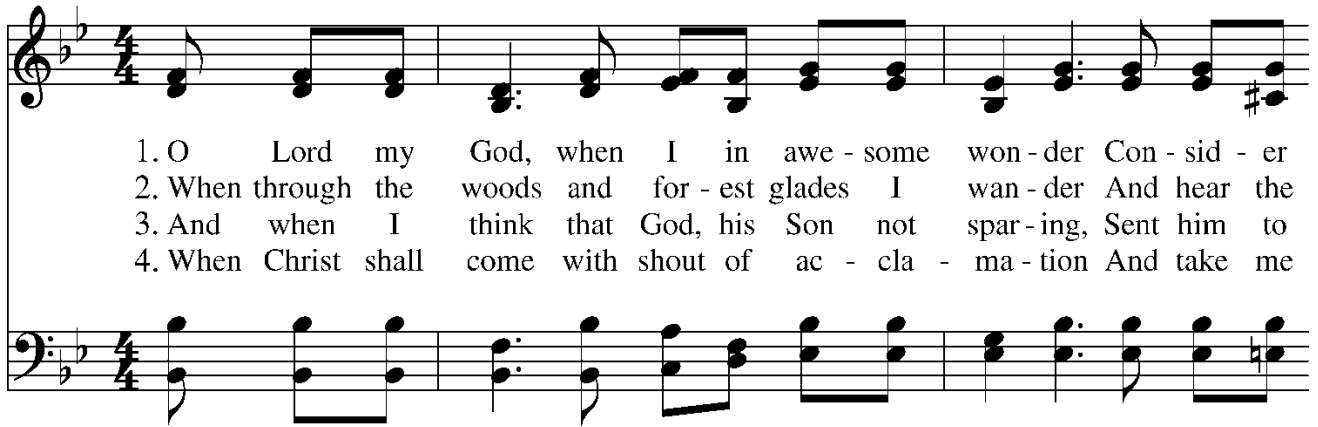
The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

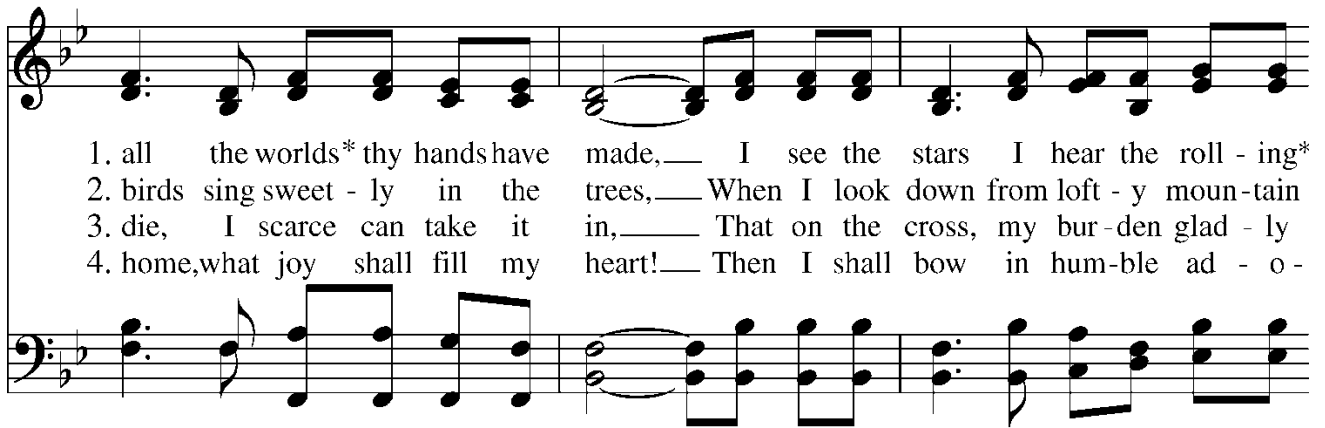
The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn


“How Great Thou Art”



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art!

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

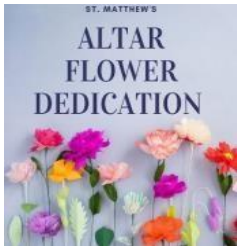
Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Bagpipe Postlude

Worship Leaders

<i>Celebrants</i>	The Rev. Julie V. Kelsey, The Rev. Jessica E. Sexton, The Rev. Marissa S. Rohrbach
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Julie V. Kelsey
<i>Lectors</i>	Karen Geller, Jean Campbell
<i>Intercessor</i>	Lyn Rossano
<i>Crucifer</i>	Pam Ely
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Anne Newton, Sharon Pearson
<i>Ushers</i>	Keith DeAngelis, David Gortz, and Chris Perry
<i>Music Director</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Choir</i>	St. Matthew's Church Choir
<i>Bagpiper</i>	Al Gonzales
<i>Counters</i>	David Gortz, Rob Kyle



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism into new life of Laine Madeleine Rossano Rohrbach by the Rev. & Mrs. Rohrbach.

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: *Kelly, Bill, Parker, Andy, Liz, Ann, Jose, Jim, Jack, Pat, Donald, Alison, Laura, Dick, Jackie, Tom, Michael, Joanne, Brooks, Scott, Bobby, Martin, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Rob, Jane, Nancy, Dawn, Donnie, David, Aaron, Petra, Kathy, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Consecration of the XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut on October 15, 2022.

Mission Update

This fall St. Matthew's has two opportunities to engage with our mission partners. First, in October we will be hosting children and parents from **Open Doors** to the town's Halloween parade. We will be collecting costumes for the children to wear as soon as we know their sizes and perhaps their favorite super hero too! And second, we'll be collecting gifts for the **Circle of Care** children in November. A list will be posted of their favorite toys and gifts. You can read more about both opportunities in the weekly eNews. Any questions or if you would like to be part of these two mission opportunities, please contact Pam Ely.



Wi-ACT's Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packaging Event: Saturday, October 22nd

Wi-ACT's on-line **registration site** for this event specifically for St. Matthew's parishioners is available on the St. Matthew's website. More information can be found in the weekly eNews.

Exploring the Doctrine of Discovery

Several members of St. Matthew's Social Justice & Racial Healing group will be participating in an online course that was created for Episcopalians that live in New England and led by the Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, a member of the Cherokee tribe who serves in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Perhaps you'd be interested in taking the course also! Through your journey in a multi-media web quest, you will find out the thinking behind the Doctrine of Discovery, how it was justified by Christian church leaders, what happened to the people it touched, how it continues to affect Indigenous people worldwide today, and what hope there is for Indigenous people in the future. You will hear Indigenous voices again and again, something that is unusual in Doctrine of Discovery courses. You will learn how the connection with the land and with Creator has given Indigenous people the spiritual resilience we have today as survivors of the Doctrine of Discovery. "Talking Circles" will be held on Sundays from 4:00-5:30 pm ET on October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 (synchronously). Videos and articles can be accessed on your own time and pace (asynchronously). To learn more or register contact Sharon Pearson or any member of the SJ&RH Team.



Join Our Digital Ministry Team!

There are many ways to get involved in the life of St. Matthew's and here is a brand new one! We are starting a **digital ministry** whose main focus is live-streaming the our Sunday services. It's quite an exciting way to experience worship on Sunday morning. We will provide full training and shadowing to ensure you are equipped and comfortable before you jump in on your own. If you are interested, please email Samantha@stmatthewswilton.org and set up a time to discuss and/or train.



St. Matt's Spirited Sisters

Introducing a new women's group at St. Matthew's! Our goal is to build a community of faith for the women of St. Matthew's by exploring and strengthening our Christian ideals and knowledge, fostering friendship, offering prayer and support for each other, and building a deeper relationship with Christ. We will meet monthly to discuss topics of faith by listening to podcasts, reading articles, taking field trips and learning from each other. We welcome all of the women of St. Matthew's and their friends. Discussion materials will be available prior to meeting, but advanced prep work is not required. Any questions or for more information, contact Pam Carlson or Stacey Savas.



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Weekly Calendar – October 2 – October 9

Sunday, October 2

10:00am

10:15am

11:30-1:00pm

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Baptism – Rite II- (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Joint High School Youth Group

Monday, October 3

7:00-9:00pm

Education for Ministry

Tuesday, October 4

11:00 am

7:00-9:00pm

Staff meeting

Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, October 5

8:30am-4:30pm

6th-12th Grade Youth Retreat

Thursday, October 6

3:30-4:30pm

7:30pm-9:00pm

9th-12th Grade Book Group discussion

St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, October 9

10:00am

10:15am

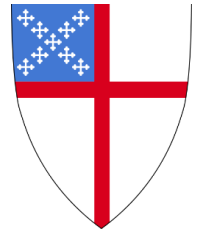
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 - (In person & Livestream)

Church School

Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



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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