



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The First Sunday in Lent
Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday
February 21st, 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, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.*

In the season of Lent, our services are a little simpler and more solemn. There is less music and a more meditative tone. Please join us by singing and praying along.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Opening Hymn 142

The People are invited to sing at home.

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fer-ing o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of scripture.

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Joel 2:13

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Officiant 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 Priest 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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Officiant

People

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

Officiant and People say together

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry
land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep
of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Officiant

People

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 25:1-9

The Choir chants the Psalm.



¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

² Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

³ Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

⁹ All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 12

Invocation, Part III, Doxology

Officiant and People say together

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Canticle 19

Revelation 15:3-4

Officiant and People say together

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Third Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People say together

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

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.

**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 Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People say together

**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.

V: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R: **And grant us your salvation.**
V: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R: **Let your people sing with joy.**
V: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V: Let your way be known upon earth;
R: **Your saving health among all nations.**
V: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.
R: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant offers a series of prayers, the People respond with the words in bold.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Loving and merciful God, you bestow your grace on all of your children: Remember our sisters and brothers throughout the world who, in partnership with Episcopal Relief & Development, strengthen communities, empower those who are experiencing poverty, nourish those who are hungry, heal those who are sick and uplift those affected by disaster; and continue to uphold Episcopal Relief & Development so that your Kingdom might be known to

all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially for Mary Ann, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Barrie, Donnie, David, 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 [_____].

We pray for all those we love and see no longer, [especially _____]. We commend to your mercy all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the love of a spiritual family. In Thanksgiving for this spiritual family, the Woods family has given the Altar Flowers today, giving thanks for 23 years in this community at St. Matt's. As they leave Wilton and go on their new adventure, we pray God's abundant blessings upon them.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious and loving God, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to behold your people, to relieve and comfort those around the world who are suffering from coronavirus. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, preserve them from the temptations of the enemy, and give them peace in their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the rest of their lives in your favor and to your glory; and grant that they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People are invited to offer prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession either silently or aloud.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People say together

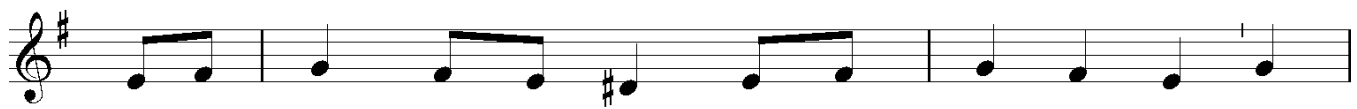
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with
truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you**

in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

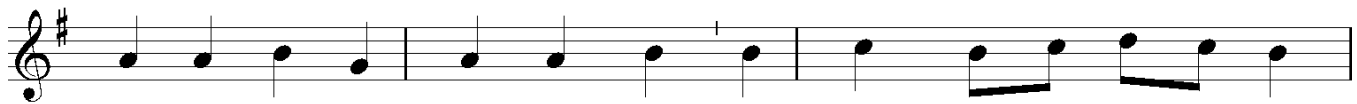
Parish Announcements

Closing Hymn 143

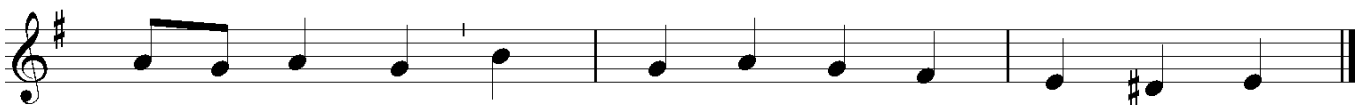
The People are invited to sing at home.



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| 2 | A - | lone | and | fast - ing | Mo - ses | saw | the |
| 3 | So | Dan - iel | trained | his | mys - tic | sight, | de - |
| 4 | Then | grant us, | Lord, | like | them | to be | full |
| * 5 | O | Fa - ther, | Son, | and | Spi - rit | blest, | to |



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|---|-----------------|------|----------|-----------|---------------|------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | ce - le - brate | with | songs | of | praise; | for | Christ, | through | whom | all |
| 2 | lov - ing | God | who | gave | the | law; | and | to | E - li - jah, | |
| 3 | liv - ered | from | the | li - ons' | might; | and | John, | the | Bride - groom's | |
| 4 | oft | in | fast | and | prayer | with | thee; | our | spi - rits | strength - en |
| 5 | thee | be | ev - ery | prayer | ad - dressed, | who | art | in | three - fold | |



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| 2 | fast - ing, | came | the | steeds | and | char - i - ots | of | flame. | | |
| 3 | friend, | be - came | the | her - ald | of | Mes - si - ah's | name. | | | |
| 4 | with | thy | grace, | and | give | us | joy | to | see | thy |
| 5 | Name | a - dored, | from | age | to | age, | the | on - ly | Lord. | |

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 Music: *Erhalat uns, Herr*; melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Worship Leaders

Celebrant

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

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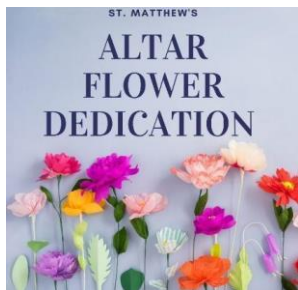
The Parish Choir

Coffee Hour Hosts

Brian Angerame, Dodo Roberts

Facebook Greeter

Pam Ely



Flowers

The altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for the parish of St. Matthew's and being a Wilton spiritual family for 23 years. We will miss you all – The Woods Family.

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: *Mary Ann, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, David, 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 St. Timothy's, Fairfield; Trinity/St. Michael's, Fairfield; St. James', Farmington. All parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Network.

ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE

Episcopal Relief & Development continues to be in close contact with partners in 44 countries, including the United States, to provide financial and technical support to communities affected by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

As the pandemic continues to spread, we are particularly aware of the increased vulnerability of children. Episcopal Relief & Development works with communities to ensure that children have access to food, clean water, and quality health care. Our work also empowers parents and protects families.

We invite you to Learn about our work with Children, and **ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF LOVE** our grassroots Church-wide campaign dedicated to expanding Episcopal Relief & Development's programs that improve the lives of children.

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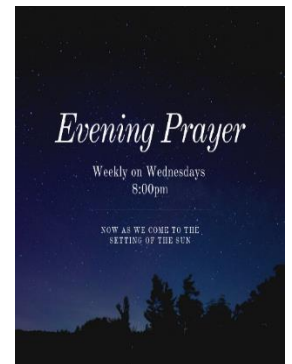
Join Us For Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9am

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!



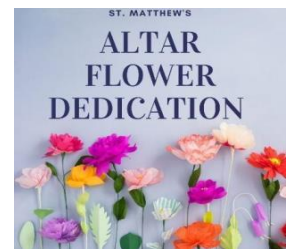
Evening Prayer at St. Matthew's – All Are Invited

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.



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.



Weekly Calendar – February 21 – February 28

Sunday, **February 21**

9:00am

9:00am

10:00am

11:30am

The First Sunday in Lent

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Morning Prayer (Livestream)

Racial Healing, Justice & Reconciliation Forum
with Don (Zoom)

Monday, **February 22**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **February 23**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, **February 24**

6:00pm

Sacred Ground Series (Zoom)

8:00pm

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, **February 25**

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **February 28**

9:00am

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The Second Sunday in Lent

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (Livestream)

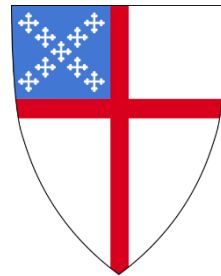
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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