



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 10th, 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.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude Pastorale, BWV 590

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Opening Hymn 117

Morning Star

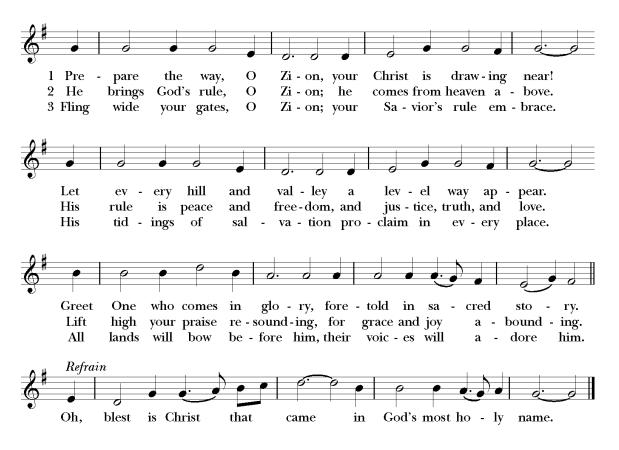
The Cantor sings verses 1,2, & 3. The People are invited to sing at home.



Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Morning Star, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

Song of Praise

The Cantor sings verse 1. The People are invited to sing at home.



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The Officiant continues

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

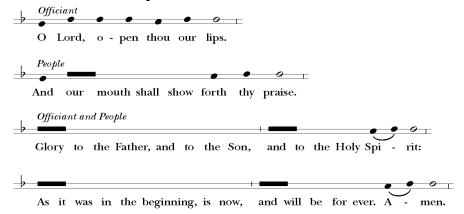
The Officiant and People say together

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

People

Christ has shown forth his glory:

O come let us worship.

Officiant and People say together

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of your countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Officiant People

Christ has shown forth his glory: O come let us worship.

Psalm 29

The Cantor sings the antiphon and psalm. The People are invited to sing at home.

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you / gods, * ascribe to the LORD / glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due / his Name; * worship the LORD in the / beauty of holiness.
 - ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the / waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the / mighty waters.
 - ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful / voice; * the voice of the LORD is a / voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the / cedars of Lebanon;
 - ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a / calf, * and Mount Hermon like a / young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of / fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness / of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees / writhe * and strips the / forests bare.

⁹ And in the temple of the / LORD * all are / crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the / flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for / evermore.

¹¹ The LORD shall give strength to his / people; * the LORD shall give his people the bless-/ing of peace.

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ave Verum

William Byrd (1543 - 1623)
Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death!

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

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

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

The Second Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

Canticle A

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

Wisdom freed from a nation of / oppressors * a holy people and a / blameless race. She entered the soul of a servant of the / Lord, * withstood dread rulers with / wonders and signs. To the saints she gave the reward of their / labors, * and led them by a / marvelous way; She was their shelter by / day * and a blaze of / stars by night. She brought them across the / Red Sea, * she led them through / mighty waters; But their enemies she swallowed in the / waves * and spewed them out from the depths / of the abyss. And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your / Name, * and praised with one voice your pro-/tecting hand; For Wisdom opened the mouths of the / mute, * and gave speech to the tongues of a / new-born people.

The Third Lesson Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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."

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

The Sermon

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

Anthem Beati quorum via C.V. Stanford (1852 - 1924)

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

The Baptismal Covenant

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Officiant 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.

The Prayers

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon Let us pray.

The Deacon 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. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Deacon offers a series of prayers, the People respond with the words in **bold**. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially Ch	ristine,
Rich, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Barrie, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael,	Katie,
Petra, Doris, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, Kath	ny, Bo,
Geoff, Dann and for all those we now name [].	

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 favor and to your glory; and grant that they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God who is the Source of Life, be with all those who care for the needs of the sick and the dying. Be present with first responders who risk their own lives to save ours. Support our doctors, nurses, and all those who work within our healthcare systems. Protect all those in our community who facilitate our life and meet our needs. Make us, we pray, more than grateful for their service, teach us to be mindful of the needs of others and draw us more fully into your work in the world. **Amen.**

We pray for all those we love and see no longer, especially Ron Casey. 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.

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 ourselves 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

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People saying,

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have been made new in the waters of baptism. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 616

Es flog ein kleins Waldvogelein

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



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein, German folk song, adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

Postlude in D minor

C.V. Stanford (1852 - 1924)

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
Deacon The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors Jen Kepner, Rory Kepner, Mike O'Connell, Sharon Pearson

Artist in Residence Scott Ellaway
Cantor Scott Ellaway

Schola Cantorum

Coffee Hour Hosts Joseph Magnano, Jen Kepner

Facebook Greeters 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: Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Patricia, Frank, Gene, Bo, Kathy, Geoff, 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 Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury. For those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers.

Meet the RenewalWorks Team:

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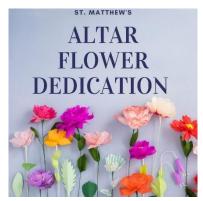
Eleanor Arnold

Samantha Trolice, Director of

Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

If you have questions about this process or thoughts to contribute after taking the Spiritual Life Inventory, please be in touch with Pam or Marissa. You can also check in with these team members who are giving their time and their gifts to this process as we chart a course forward.

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.

Parish Update Meeting, Sunday, January 17th @ 11:30 on Zoom

In advance of the Annual Meeting, the Rector and Officers invite you to join them for an update on the year that has passed and a preview of some plans for the Annual Meeting and the year ahead.

Join us in a Zoom room on Sunday, January 17th at 11:30am. The link will be shared in our e-news as well as in our Parishioner Facebook Group. And mark your calendars for Sunday, February 7th at 11:30am when we will gather via Zoom for our Annual Meeting.

Join Us For Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9am

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



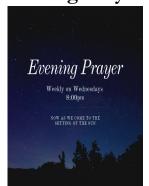
Join us in a Zoom room for Sung Compline – Tuesday nights at 9pm

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 10 – January 17

Sunday, January 10 The First Sunday After the Epiphany

9:00am Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

10:00am Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

5:00pm 6th & 7th Grade Joint Youth Group (Zoom) 6:30pm High School Joint Youth Group (Zoom)

Monday, January 11

7:00pm Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 12

11:00am Staff Meeting (Zoom)

9:00pm Compline (Zoom & Livestream)

Wednesday January 13

6:00pm 8th Grade Joint Youth Group – Game Night (Zoom)

8:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, January 14

3:20-4:50pm Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott 7:30pm Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Sunday, January 17 The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

10:00am Holy Eucharist -Rite 2 (Livestream) 11:30am Parish Update Meeting (Zoom)

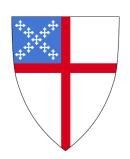
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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

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

Next Week: Worship online again with St. Matthew's

There are many ways to connect with St. Matt's in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.



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