



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 24th, 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

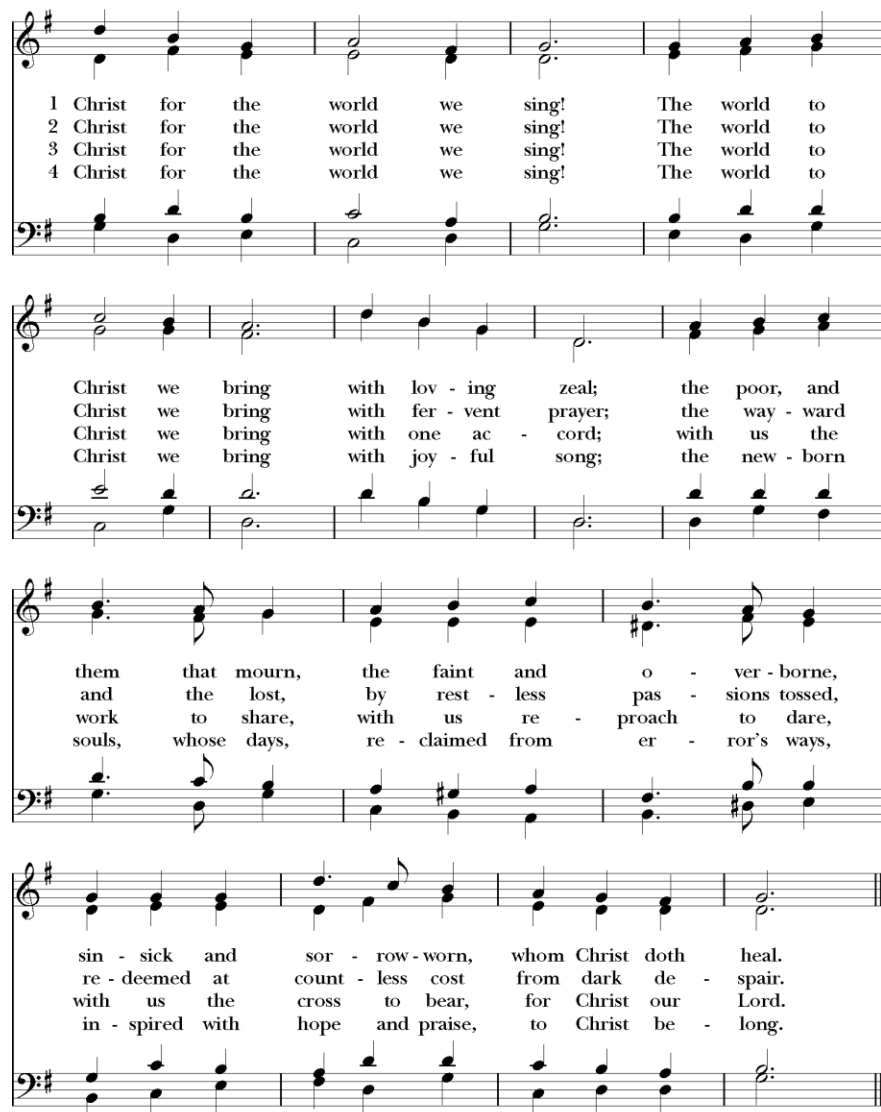
Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn 537

Moscow

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



1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886) Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Song of Praise

Beredan väg för Herran

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



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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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 Deacon 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,

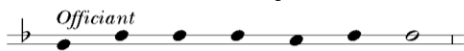
by what we have done,


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

 O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.

People

 And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:


 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Officiant
 Christ has shown forth his glory:

People
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

Christ has shown forth his glory:

People

O come let us worship.

Psalm 62:6-14

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

⁶ For God alone my soul in silence / waits; *
truly, my hope is / in him.

⁷ He alone is my rock and my sal-/vation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall / not be shaken.

⁸ In God is my safety and my / honor; *
God is my strong rock / and my refuge.

⁹ Put your trust in him always, O / people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God / is our refuge.

¹⁰ Those of high degree are but a fleeting / breath, *
even those of low estate can-/not be trusted.

¹¹ On the scales they are lighter than a / breath, *
all of / them together.

¹² Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty / pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your / heart upon it.

¹³ God has spoken once, twice have I / heard it, *
that power / belongs to God.

¹⁴ Steadfast love is yours, O / Lord, *
for you repay everyone according / to his deeds.

The First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)

*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.*

*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!*

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

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

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle M

A Song of Faith

Officiant and People say together

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus / Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a / living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the / dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable / in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free / us *
was not paid in sil-/ver or gold,
But in the precious blood of / Christ, *
the Lamb without / spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him / glory *
so that we might have faith and / hope in God.

The Third Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

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.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem **King of glory, King of peace** **J.S. Bach** *(1685-1750)*

King of glory, King of peace
I will love Thee;
And that love may never cease
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee;
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried
Thou alone didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven
I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in Heaven
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enroll Thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol Thee.

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

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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.**

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_____]. 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

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

Closing Hymn 530

Gott sei Dank

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

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

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The Deacon offers the dismissal to which the people respond,
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Allegro moderato

Felix Mendelssohn

Worship Leaders

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
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<i>Parish Choir</i>	
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Anne Newton
<i>Facebook Greeters</i>	Pam Ely

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, 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 Saint Luke's, Darien; St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby. Ministries to, with, and for the deaf.

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

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

Sacred Ground Dialogue Series

Over the last several months, a group of parishioners have been reading, learning, and working together to come to a greater understanding of racial justice and reconciliation - and our part as Christians in that work.

In our reading and conversation, a desire to continue to grow and learn has emerged along with the hope that doing so might allow us to live out our faith, to build justice, and to be part of reconciliation. As a next step in our journey at St. Matt's, this group has decided to move forward by participating in a special program put forward by the Episcopal Church called Sacred Ground. Our hope is this will continue to spur us forward to live out our baptismal covenant in word and deed, learning how to better seek and serve Christ in all people as we respect the dignity of every human being. Sacred Ground is a dialogue series that incorporates readings as well as a number of films. It is built on the idea that when we share stories, when we listen to each other, and seek God's will, we then find ourselves on Sacred Ground. You can read more about the series and hear from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground. It is a ten session series and represents a commitment both of time and attention. All are welcome to participate, and we hope that if you do, you will make a commitment to the work and to the journey.



If you are interested in participating in this series, please be in touch with Marissa. In order to participate, you'll need to sign up in advance to have access to the readings and films. **Even if you haven't participated in our conversations before, you are very welcome. This would be a great time to begin and to participate with this group.**

Our first session will be held on Saturday, January 30th at 1pm. After that, we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6-7:30pm.

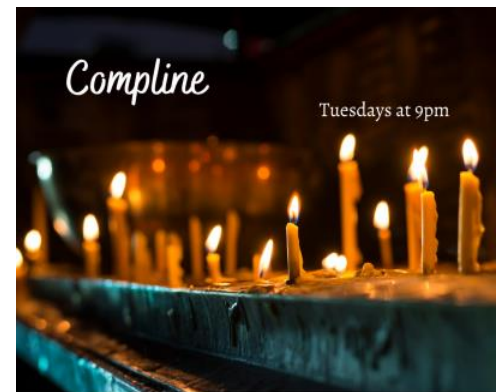
Join Us For Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9am

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!



In a Zoom Room
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.

Pub Theology, Saturday, 2/13

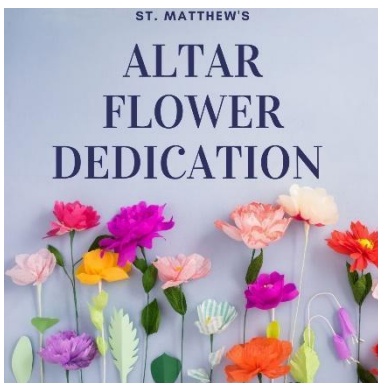
Join us for a special Valentine's Day Pub Theology on Saturday 2/13 at 4pm. Together we'll explore the legend of St. Valentine as well as the love Jesus calls us to in scripture.



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

our Parishioner Facebook Group as well as in our e-news. A little bit of homework to prompt the conversation, along with questions will come out a day or so in advance.

Altar Flower Dedications



You can celebrate or memorialize your loved ones with flower dedications. Let us know the date you would like and any colors or flowers you want (we will do our best) and the Flower Guild will make a beautiful vase arrangement and delivery to your home (local addresses only please). We will announce the dedication in church and on our social media.

A \$75 donation is suggested. Please email Jennifer Angerame at theangerames@gmail.com with questions.

Weekly Calendar – January 24 – January 31

Sunday, **January 24**

9:00am

9:00am

10:00am

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Monday, **January 25**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **January 26**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

9:00pm

Compline (Zoom & Livestream)

Wednesday **January 27**

6:00pm

6th & 7th Youth Group (Zoom)

7:00pm

Vestry Meeting

8:00pm

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, **January 28**

3:20-4:50pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Saturday, **January 30th**

1:00pm

Sacred Ground Session 1

Sunday, **January 31**

9:00am

The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

10:00am

Holy Eucharist -Rite 2 (Livestream)

5:00pm

8th Grade Youth Group (Zoom)

6:30pm

High School Youth Group (Zoom)

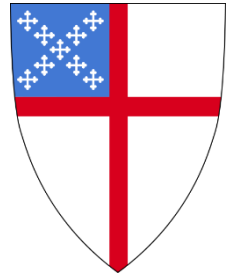
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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