

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020
10:00 am

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. While we're online, these words will be led by someone on screen so that you can read and pray with them. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Find a comfortable place to sit. Kneel or stand for the prayers if you'd like. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Pastorale

Charles Wesley (1757 - 1834)

Opening Hymn

Ellacombe

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

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
 1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
 the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.
 our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry,
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

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Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Officiant continues

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

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
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
Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Officiant and People say together

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, * by a man has come also the
resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Officiant
Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 16

The Cantor leads the Psalm, the People are invited to sing the verses in bold.



¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in / you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good a- /bove all other."

² **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the / land, ***
upon those who are noble a- /mong the people.

³ But those who run after other / gods *
shall have their / troubles multiplied.

⁴ **Their libations of blood I will not / offer, ***
nor take the names of their gods / upon my lips.

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my / cup; *
it is you who up- /hold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant / land; ***
indeed, I have a / goodly heritage.

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me / counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night / after night.

⁸ **I have set the Lord always be- /fore me; ***
because he is at my right hand I / shall not fall.

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit / rejoices; *
my body also shall / rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the / grave, ***
nor let your holy one / see the Pit.

¹¹ You will show me the path of / life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for / evermore.

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 8

The Song of Moses

Officiant and People say together

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

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 Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 18

A Song to the Lamb

Officiant and People say together

**Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;**

**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.**

The Third Lesson

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Musical Meditation

Prelude in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach (1686 – 1750)

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. 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.***

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Steve, Kim, Katie, Brooke, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Richard, Mary Lou, Kirk, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Margaret, Fred, Bo, and for all those we now name [_____].

We pray for those we love and see no longer, especially for Patrick, father of Kacky Theoharides, for David Macomber, family member of Mark Famous, and for Richard Tyler, family member of Char Griffin.

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

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People saying

Beloved, life is short. And we do not have enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love. And make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Handel

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



1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and

Refrain
tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

1-3
up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -
joyce! *Final Ending* up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -
gain I say, re - joyce!

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Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God Sigfrid Karg-Elert

(1877 - 1933)

Worship Leaders

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
<i>Lectors</i>	Vytas Kiselius, Caroline DeAngelis, Andrea Sato, Sharon Pearson
<i>Artist in Residence</i>	Scott Ellaway
<i>Cantor</i>	Emily Risley

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: *Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Steve, Kim, Katie, Laura, Petra, Laine, Brooke, Doris, Darunee, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Ellen Maxwell, Charles Kennedy, and Kirk Tenant. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker, Matthew Comeau, and Joshua Holcombe.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown. Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

Weekly Calendar – April 19 – April 26

Sunday, **April 19**

10:00am

11:30am

The Second Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Being Disciples – Virtual Book Group (Zoom)

Monday, **April 20**

10:00am

Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Tuesday, **April 21**

11:00am

4:00pm

9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6th & 7th Grade Joint Youth Group (Zoom)

Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Wednesday, **April 22**

9:00am

4:00pm

4:30pm

Morning Prayer (FB Live)

6th-8th Grade St. Matt's Youth (Zoom w/Sam)

Matt & Me for Tea with Don (Zoom)

Thursday, **April 23**

2:30-4:00pm

4:00pm

7:00pm

7:30pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

9th-12th Grade St. Matt's Youth (Zoom w/Sam)

April Madness with Brian Angerame (Zoom)

Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Sunday, **April 26**

10:00am

11:30am

The Third Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Being Disciples – Virtual Book Group (Zoom)

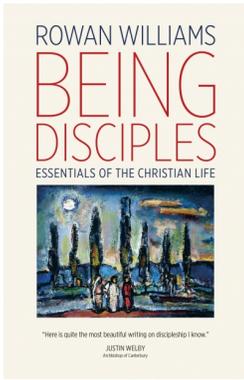
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group.

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.

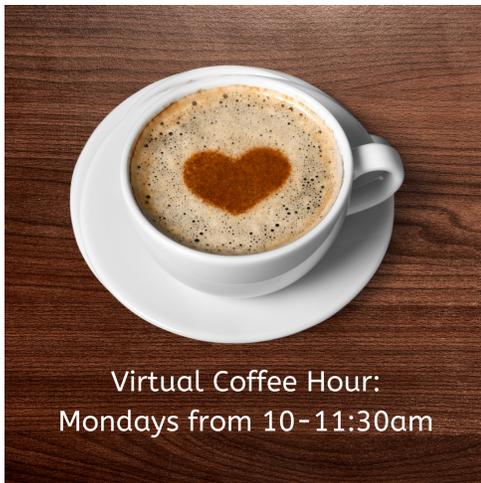


Our virtual book group begins **today (4/19)**. We'll discuss *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams, 104th Archbishop of Canterbury. The book is available on Amazon & Kindle. Join us on Sundays in a Zoom Room from 11:30-1:00pm.

4/19 when we'll discuss chapters 1 & 2
4/26 when we'll discuss chapters 3 & 4
5/3 when we'll discuss chapters 5 & 6

Zoom information will be in our e-news as the days approach as well as in our Parishioner Facebook Group.

Join us on Monday, April 20th from 10:00am-11:30am for Virtual Coffee hour.



No schedule, no program, just a chance to be together. Zoom in when you can, leave when you're ready. Come see some familiar faces and spend time together. All are welcome.

Zoom information is posted in our Parishioner Facebook Group as well as listed in our newsletter.

Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 9am on Facebook Live

Join us for Morning Prayer on Wednesdays.

All you have to do is [visit our Facebook page](#).

Morning Prayer begins on page 79 of the [Book of Common Prayer](#).

Now it's your turn to sign up to lead. Need to learn how? We can help!

[Send a note to Nancy](#), our Parish Administrator, for more information about training & signing up to lead Morning Prayer.



April Madness!

Feeling a little stir crazy, being cooped up in the house with no March Madness and college basketball? Despondent that Opening Day came and went with no baseball? Ever thought that you would actually miss commuting into the city? What? They even took away The Masters?!?



Come join us at 7pm on April 23rd to escape from the madness! Let's debate if there is, in fact, life after Tom Brady? Will the Jets draft someone who stays in the NFL for longer than three years? Do we have Major League Baseball by mid-May, or June, or (gasp) later? And, more seriously, are you surviving this period OK, and is there any way we can help you and your family get through this? We are all in this together, and we will get through this together.

So, if you are feeling unconnected, and/or just need a little break from reality, join your host, Brian Angerame, in a Zoom room for a chance to connect. Zoom log-in information will be shared in our newsletter and in our **Parishioner Facebook Group**.

Save the Date: Parish Update Sunday, May 3rd

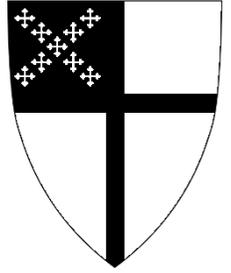
As we did regularly last year, we're planning an update from the Vestry, Officers, and Rector in the spring. **Join us at 2pm on Sunday, May 3rd in a Zoom room to hear from Clergy, Staff, and Officers about the current state of the parish.** We'll share some information about our life together, particularly in light of COVID-19, and answer any questions you might have.



Save the date! Zoom information will be shared via our newsletter & Parishioner Facebook Group as the date approaches.

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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