

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 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, Jesus is present among us.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Behold, a Rose is Blooming

Brahms (1833 – 1897)

Opening Hymn

Paderborn

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

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catholisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

The Officiant begins

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

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
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People
Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People say together
Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People
Come let us adore him.

Psalm 13

The People read the portions in bold.

¹ How long, O LORD?

will you forget me for ever? *

how long will you hide your face from me?

² **How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,**

and grief in my heart, day after day? *

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴ **Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," ***

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

⁵ But I put my trust in your mercy; *

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

⁶ **I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; ***

I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

The First Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin,

which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah

Officiant and People say together

**Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, ***

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Musical Meditation

Bist du bei mir

Sung by Emily Risley

J.S. Bach

*Do not neglect to do good
and to share what you have*



for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:14, 15

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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we

may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Frank, Bo, Margaret, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, and 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.

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.**

O God, by whose command the order of all time runs its course; look graciously on your servant Don, whom you were pleased to ordain to the sacred Order of Deacons one year ago; that his service may be pleasing to you. Mercifully preserve him and draw him ever more deeply into the work you do in the world; 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

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People saying

May God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive
all darkness from you and may the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer,
and Sanctifier pour upon you blessing and light this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Materna

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

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Postlude

Andante Tranquillo from 'Capriol Suite'

Warlock (1894 - 1930)

Worship Leaders

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
<i>Lectors</i>	Jean Campbell, Michael O'Connell, Lindsay Wyman, Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice
<i>Artist in Residence</i>	Scott Ellaway
<i>Cantor</i>	Emily Risley
<i>Facebook Greeter</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: *Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Frank, Bo, Margaret, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, 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 Grace Church, Old Saybrook; Good Shepherd, Orange; St. Peter's, Oxford. Summer chapels in Norfolk and Fenwick; summer outdoor worship services; Vacation Bible Schools, parish-based summer camp programs and mission trips.

**Join us on Mondays from 10:00-11:30am 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.



Virtual VBS: August 10th – August 14th

Samantha and Nate will be offering a virtual VBS in August called *Compassion Camp!*

Who: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

What: Virtual Bible Lessons, Games, Music, Movement Activities & at Home Crafts

When: August 10th-14th from 9:00-10:30 am

Where: On Zoom (with additional pre-recorded craft instructional videos for after the sessions)

Why: Now more than ever, it is critical to exercise our compassion muscles. It will also provide parents with a much-needed break in the morning.

Registration **deadline is July 7th** – see the link on our St. Matt's website. *Upon registration, you are committing to attend each of the 5 sessions. VBS is being offered at no cost. Feel free to reach out to Samantha with any questions* samantha@stmatthewswilton.org



Music Lab Wednesdays

Each Wednesday, at 3:00pm, St. Matthew's Church will present online educational programs led by international conductor Scott Ellaway. The program is entitled Music Lab Wednesdays and will be delivered at no cost via OpusYou, a world leader in the field of K-12 music education. OpusYou, in cooperation with the Music Ministry of St. Matthew's, revitalizes performing arts for at-home audiences and offers music education resources at no cost.



During a time when local events are cancelled and people are encouraged to stay at home, St. Matthew's is pleased to bring music and the arts into the lives of Fairfield County residents through live educational performances. Lasting 25 minutes, each program will guide audiences through a musical journey, explored through an immersive virtual performance, followed by a question and answer session with Ellaway and guests. K-12 students attending Music Appreciation Thursdays are actively encouraged to watch these programs in preparation for class. Programs will be streamed live throughout the summer on Wednesdays at 3pm EST (see link on our website).

We acknowledge the generous support from the Ian Harleman Fund, money raised in loving memory of Ian and his love of music, without which these programs would not be possible.

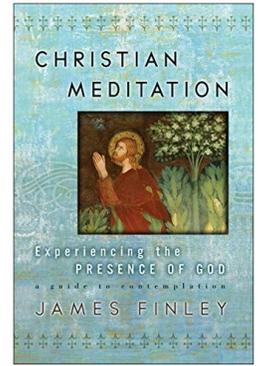


Seeking to study the Bible and how to apply it to your daily life? Education for Ministry (EfM) helps us understand how we are called into relationship with God, neighbor, and creation wherever we are – at home, at work, in all the places we spend time. A four-year program (with a commitment one year at a time) that meets weekly (September – June), EfM focuses on Hebrew Scriptures (Year 1), Christian Testament (Year 2), Church History (Year 3), and Theology & Ethics (Year 4) while learning how to “think theologically.”

Sharon Pearson, is a certified EfM mentor and can explain what the program entails and answer questions. To learn more about the program: <http://efm.sewanee.edu> or contact Sharon at sharonepearson@gmail.com.

Christian Meditation: Learn the Basics

If you google "meditation", the first series of pages that come up will tell you how good meditation is for anxiety and fear. The next series of pages will quickly link you to eastern religions and lead you to believe that this is a practice that isn't closely tied to our Christian faith. While we can always learn from our siblings of other faiths, meditation is also an ancient part of our tradition and heritage.



It's true that meditation can have tremendously positive effects on our physical and mental health. And it can serve as the door if we are seeking the presence of God. Join us for a 4-part series as we explore the basics of Christian meditation. You'll have a chance to read, learn, and begin to practice.

We'll read James Finley's book, *Christian Meditation*, which is available on Amazon and kindle. This book is accessible if you're a beginner and have never thought about meditation as a real piece of your life before. And if you're not a beginner, but a serious seeker, you'll enjoy the jewels of Finley's own faith and experience. And at the end of the series, we'll explore a few other teachers and practices along with next steps.

Thursdays from 7:00-8:00pm

June 25th, Chapters 7-10 and July 2nd, Chapters 11-14; for this session we'll finish the reading and you're invited to start practicing (if you haven't already!). At our last session we'll talk through your experience, challenges, and successes together along with any practicalities we haven't touched on yet.



Weekly Calendar – June 28 – July 5

Sunday, **June 28**

9:30am

10:00am

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Church School (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Tuesday, **June 30**

11:00am

9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Wednesday, **July 1**

3:00pm

Music Lab Wednesdays (Livestream & FB Live)

Thursday, **July 2**

2:30-4:00pm

7:00pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

Christian Meditation, Part Three (Zoom)

Sunday, **July 5**

9:30am

10:00am

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Church School (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

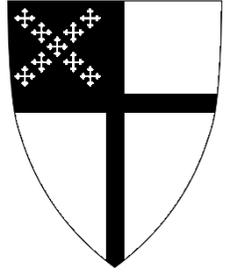
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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