



Morning Prayer: Rite Two The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 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 Largo from Sonata No.3 in F Major

G.F. Handel (1685 - 1759) Adam Famous, Violin

Opening Hymn

Royal Oak

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



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Music: Royal Oak, melody from The Dancing Master, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958) Copyright © used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc.; desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright © G.I.A. Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Used with permission. OfficiantAlleluia! Christ is risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Officiant continues

You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

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.**

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The Invitatory and Psalter	
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O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.	
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.	
Officiant and People	
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to t	he Holy Spi - rit:
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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be	e for ever. A - men.
Officiant	People
Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:	Come let us adore him. Alleluia.
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death no longer has dominion ov The death that he died, he died to s	
but the life he lives, he lives to G	
So also consider yourselves dead to	
and alive to God in Jesus Christ of	-
Christ has been raised from the dea	ad, *
the first fruits of those who have	fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, * b	y a man has come also the
resurrection of the dead. For as in A	Adam all die, *

so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Officiant People Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 66:7-18

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



⁷ Bless our God, you / peoples; * make the voice of his praise / to be heard;

⁸ Who holds our souls in / life, * and will not allow our / feet to slip.

⁹ For you, O God, have proved / us; * you have tried us just as sil-/ver is tried.

¹⁰ You brought us into the / snare; * you laid heavy burdens u-/pon our backs.

¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and / water; *
but you brought us out into a / place of refreshment.

¹² I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my / vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I / was in trouble.

¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of / rams; * I will give you / oxen and goats.

¹⁴ Come and listen, all you who fear / God, * and I will tell you what he has / done for me.

¹⁵ I called out to him with my / mouth, * and his praise was / on my tongue.

¹⁶ If I had found evil in my / heart, * the Lord would / not have heard me;

¹⁷ But in truth God has heard / me; * he has attended to the voice / of my prayer.

¹⁸ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / prayer, * nor withheld his / love from me.

The First Lesson

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Acts 17:22-31

Canticle 12Invocation, The Earth and its Creatures, DoxologyOfficiant 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 forever. Let the earth glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, * and all you flocks and herds. O men and women everywhere, 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

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For 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

1 Peter 3:13-22

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 17

The Song of Simeon

Officiant and People say together

Lord, you now have set your servant free * to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, * whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, * and the glory of your people 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 Third Lesson

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those

John 14:15-21

who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

The Offertory Musical Meditation

Thomas Tallis (1505 – 1585)

If Ye Love me

Sung by the Famous Family

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for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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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 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 Officiant 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 Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Frank, Bo, 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 _____]. 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.**

O Lord, hear my prayer

Taizé

The Cantor sings the verses 3 times. The People are invited to sing at home.



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

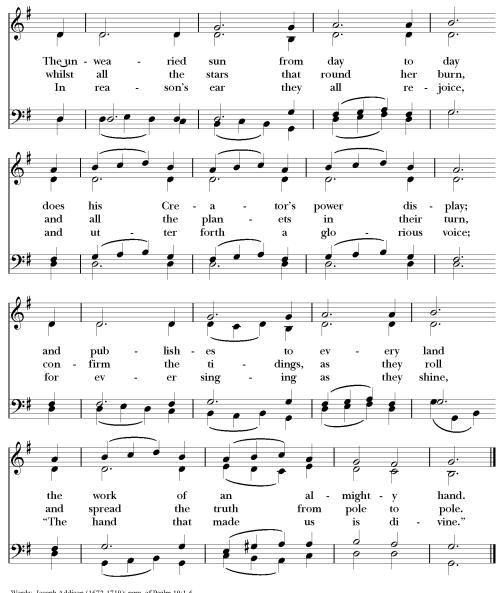
Beloved, life is short. And we do not have enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love. And make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Creation

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





Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6 Music: Creation, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. Dulcimer, or New York Collection of Sacred Music, 1850, alt.

OfficiantAlleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks 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 Allegro from Sonata No.3 in F Major

G.F. Handel (1685 - 1759) Adam Famous, Violin

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach	
Lectors	Caroline DeAngelis, Mike Kaelin, John Pearson, Sharon Pearson,	
	Samantha Trolice	
Artist in Residence	Scott Ellaway	
Cantor	Emily Risley	
Musical Offering	The Famous Family	
Violin	Adam Famous	
Facebook Greeters	Tim Jarvis	

<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: 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 St. James', New Haven; St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven. Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication, Education for Ministry leaders and students.

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.



Mondays from 10-11:30am



Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 9am on Facebook Live



Join us for Morning Prayer on Facebook Live on Wednesday mornings at 9am. For the rest of this wilderness time, log onto Facebook at 9am on Wednesday mornings and join someone for Morning Prayer. All you have to do is <u>visit our Facebook page</u>. Morning Prayer begins on page 79 of the <u>Book of Common</u> <u>Prayer</u>.



A Message from Marissa: Reading Barth Together

On Tuesdays in May, there will be an opportunity to participate in an online learning experience that is **not affiliated with St. Matt's**. Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon will be engaging together in a Zoom room explaining and exploring the work of Karl Barth. Those three names merit some introduction. The theological lenses of Barth and Willimon are rather different from ours as Episcopalians. But Hauerwas is close to a traditional, faithful Anglican lens. There is a lot to learn here, if you're able to follow along. If you decide to listen in, please

<u>send me a note</u> and let me know. If there's a group of us, we can schedule a time to debrief and check in about the series. More information about this opportunity is on our website.

ATTENTION: GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, CLASS OF 2020: SUNDAY MAY24th IS SENIOR SUNDAY!!

It is a long-standing tradition at St. Matthew's to invite all graduating seniors to participate in a Sunday worship service, in which the parish can recognize, honor and celebrate you. We hope to have all High School graduates included and celebrated!



Reminder: Rev. Marissa and Samantha will be guiding and supporting you every step of the way. So no need for nerves/butterflies.



Confirmands, Mentors and Parents: **Please mark your calendars for confirmation meetings:**

Tuesday June 2nd:7-8pm (mentors included)Tuesday June 23rd:7-8pm

If you have any questions/concerns about the above dates, please reach out to me.

A Special Third Sunday Forum, Sunday, May 17th @ 11:30am via Zoom



As part of the continuation of our *Second Sundays* series, we'll have a special forum on the third Sunday of May in order to not conflict with Mother's Day. Save the date for a special Zoom forum with Ty Kepner about faith & baseball. Zoom information will be shared as the date approaches in our eNews and in our Parishioner Facebook Group.

Music Lab Wednesdays



Premiering on Wednesday, May 20th, 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

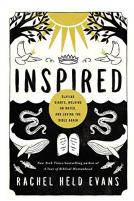
music education resources at no cost.

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.

Virtual Book Group: Inspired

Join us for a special exploration of the Bible. Together, we'll read Rachel Held Evan's book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again.* The book is available on amazon and on electronic sources as well. You can also purchase it locally at Books on the Common in Ridgefield by calling and asking for curbside pickup (203-431-9100). Marissa will also offer some other supplemental & background reading as the time approaches.



Sundays at 11:30am: Visit our website for information on what to read!



WEPCO Clean Up – At a Distance

Need to get out of the house for a little while? Want to get in a little exercise? Please consider spending a little time beautifying our campus! WEPCO had to cancel our annual

spring work day because social distancing could not be guaranteed given the large number of folks who usually participate. Instead, the Board is hoping that members of each church will volunteer as families, or in small teams, to complete the work that is listed on the linked spreadsheet found on our website post.

Sandy hung a clipboard on the courtyard door for you to sign in and mark off projects as completed, so take a look and see what's already been done. Tools and supplies needed to complete some of the tasks can be found in the tool shed. Volunteers should contact Brian Angerame at <u>bmangerame@clearbridge.com</u> to get the code necessary to open the tool shed. Alternatively, feel free to use your own rakes, tools and equipment.

Lastly, PLEASE keep your distance if anyone happens to be working on the grounds at the same time you are. We want WEPCO to be tidied up a bit, but it is not worth getting sick at the same time! Social distancing is really important, so please take all precautions, and clean your hands after signing the clipboard! If you are wanting to get out of the house and move around a little bit (while remaining safe), please consider helping clean up our property!

Thank you so much for your help!

Weekly Calendar - May 17 - May 24

Sunday, **May 17** 10:00am 11:30am 1:00pm 4:00pm

Monday, **May 18** 10:00am

Tuesday, **May 19** 11:00am 4:00pm 9:00pm

Wednesday, **May 20** 9:00am 3:00pm 4:00pm

Thursday, **May 14** 2:00pm 2:30-4:00pm 7:30pm

Sunday, **May 24** 10:00am 11:30am 1:00pm **The Sixth Sunday of Easter** Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream) Adult forum with Tyler Kepner (Zoom) Church School (Zoom) High School Joint Youth Group (Zoom)

Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Staff Meeting (Zoom) 8th Grade Joint Youth Group (Zoom) Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Morning Prayer (FB Live) Music Lab Wednesday (Livestream) 6th-8th Grade "Zoom Hangs" with Sam

Reading Barth Together (Zoom) Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream) Virtual Book Group: Inspired Church School (Zoom)

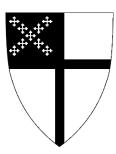
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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

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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