



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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

Andante Tranquillo

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

Opening Hymn

LAUDA ANIMA

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



The Officiant begins

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

John 4:24

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

The Officiant and People say together

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

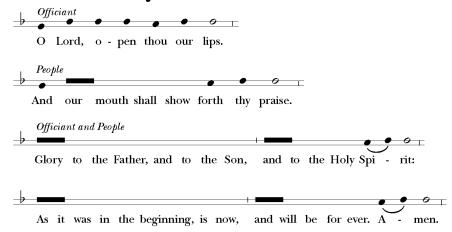
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter



Officiant People

Let the peoples praise you, O God: Let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

Officiant People

Let the peoples praise you, O God: Let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Sung by the Cantor

- ¹ Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- ³ That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.
- ⁴We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, * and the wonderful works he has done.
- ¹² He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

- ¹³ He split open the sea and let them pass through; * he made the waters stand up like walls.
- ¹⁴ He led them with a cloud by day, * and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- ¹⁵ He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- ¹⁶He brought streams out of the cliff, * and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Maria, gratia plena,
Maria, gratia plena,
Ave, Ave, Dominus,
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris (tui),
Ventris tui, Jesus.
Ave Maria!

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Ora, ora pro nobis;
Ora, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Nunc et in hora mortis,
In hora mortis nostrae.
In hora, hora mortis nostrae,
In hora mortis nostrae.
Ave Maria!

Hail Mary, full of grace,
Mary, full of grace,
Mary, full of grace,
Hail, Hail, the Lord
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed,
Blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Thy womb, Jesus.
Hail Mary!

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Pray, pray for us;
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death,
The hour of our death.
The hour, the hour of our death,
The hour of our death.
Hail Mary!

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not

to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Cantor sings the verses.

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, * you have come to your people and set them free. You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, * born of the house of your servant David. Through your holy prophets you promised of old to save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all who hate us, To show mercy to our forebears, * and to remember your holy covenant. This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship you without fear, * holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way, To give God's people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Third Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Anthem

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford (1930 - 2019)

In the hour of my distress,
When temptations me oppress,
And when I my sins confess
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head, And with doubts discomforted, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

When the house doth sigh and weep, And the world is drown'd in sleep, Yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

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



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 God 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. Help us, O God our Savior;
- R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
- V. Look upon your congregation;
- R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
- V. Declare your glory among the nations;
- R. And your wonders among all peoples.
- V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
- R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
- V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
- R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
- V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
- R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Rich, Nancy,
Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra,
Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gina,
Gene, and those we now name

We pray for all those we love and see no longer, especially George DiRocco. 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.**

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.**

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

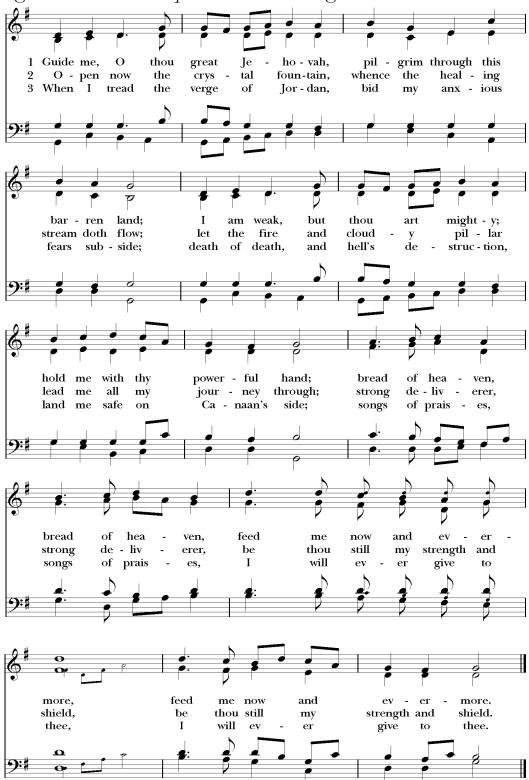
The Priest blesses the People saying

May God give you the grace to never sell yourself short; the grace to risk something big for something good; the grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. And may the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sustains be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Cwm Rhondda

Closing Hymn

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



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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 in D minor, Op. 105, No. 6

C.V. Stanford (1852 - 1924)

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Deacon The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors Beth Baker, Michael O'Connell, Sharon Pearson,

Amy Gubner

Artist in Residence Scott Ellaway

Cantor Andrea Zomorodian
Coffee Hour Hosts Pam Ely, Dodo Roberts

Facebook Greeter Pam Ely



Flowers

The flowers are given in loving memory of Tom Campbell, husband of Jean Campbell, and in celebration of Inez Douthitt's 100th birthday, grandmother of Jennifer Angerame.

<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: Rich, Gina, Gene, Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker and Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The 236th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, meeting virtually October 14-18.

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.

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!



Fun Fall Fellowship Sunday, October 4th 5:30pm

Join us Sunday, October 4th at 5:30pm on Zoom for a celebration of the Feast of St. Francis and spaghetti dinner. Make your own feast at home and gather your pets for a virtual blessing of the animals. (Zoom link will be in the eNews and on the St. Matthew's Parishioner FB page.)

Team Captains will be collecting items for some of our mission partners ahead of the event. A link with

a Sign Up Genius is posted on the St. Matt's website <u>www.stmatthewswilton.org</u> You can drop off the items in labeled bins in the circle at church from September 22 to October 9th. During the evening we will have a chance to share what we've contributed.

Looking forward to a fun night!

Upcoming Church School and Youth Group Dates (Zoom)

Youth Group:

October 6 - 6-7:00pm - 6th & 7th Grade Joint Youth Group

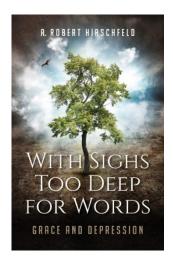
October 18 - 6-7:00pm – High School Joint Youth

Church School Zoom Sessions: please note grade adjustments

September 27 - 9-9:30am – Grades 3-5 October 4 - 9-9:30am – Grades K-2 October 11 - 9-9:30am – Grades 3-5



Fall Book Study with Don: Mental Health & Spirituality



This fall, Don will host a weekly Zoom gathering on Wednesday evenings to explore the new book, <u>With Sighs Too Deep for Words</u>, by Bishop Robert Hirschfeld, the Bishop of New Hampshire. We'll meet at 7pm for about 60 minutes of informal conversation to unpack the questions at the conclusion of each chapter. Zoom links will be in our e-news as well as in our Parishioner Facebook Group. The book is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Church Publishing <u>www.churchpublishing.org/withsighstoodeepforwords</u>
Questions? Send Don a note <u>don@stmatthewswilton.org</u>

September 23, September 30, October 7, October 21, October 28



Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

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

This fall, we're going to try something new for Compline! One of the pieces we miss most about worshipping together is actually **being together**. So for the first part of the fall, we're going to try gathering 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!

RenewalWorks: Spiritual Life & Growth



If life is a spiritual journey, where are you?

Where is your congregation?

Where do you feel called to go?

How will you get there from here?

St. Matthew's will participate in a program called RenewalWorks this fall. Run by Forward Movement, RenewalWorks is an opportunity for us to dive deeply into our spiritual life, to understand where we are, and where God is calling us to go.

We are asking that you set aside about 20-25 minutes to take a Spiritual Life Inventory. If you already have a daily spiritual practice, you might consider this your spiritual practice for the day. These are thoughtful questions. Unlike previous surveys, this survey focuses on you, on your spiritual life and how St. Matt's helps - or could help more - as you grow spiritually. Please answer

as honestly as you can, thinking about where you are now, not where you think you *should* be or what you think you *should* be doing or feeling. The survey findings will help shape decisions about how to create the best possible ministries and programs. Your feedback will directly impact how we allocate resources to further our spiritual journeys. Your participation is important and so we thank you for setting aside the time to take the inventory. To get an accurate picture of our church, we need everyone to participate.

We look forward to taking the next steps in growing our faith together. The first step is to take the inventory. If this survey brings up questions for you, or if there's anything you want to talk more about that relates to your own journey, please send Marissa a note marissa@stmatthewswilton.org If you have further feedback about specific ideas or programming, if something comes up that you'd like to share about the survey or the process, feel free to be in touch with Marissa or with our Facilitator for this work, Pam Ely cdwilton@optonline.net

For more information and to access the survey, please go to the St. Matt's website www.stmatthewswilton.org

Weekly Calendar – September 27 – October 4

Sunday, September 27 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

9:00-9:30am Church School Grades 3-5 (Zoom)
10:00am Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Mission Team meeting (Zoom)

11:30am Mission Team meeting (Zoom)

Monday, September 28

7:00pm Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 29

11:00am Staff Meeting (Zoom)

9:00pm Compline (Zoom & Livestream)

Thursday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

9:00-9:30am Church School Grades K-2 (Zoom)
10:00am Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)
5:30pm Fun Fall Fellowship Gathering (Zoom)

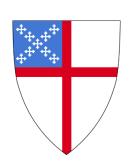
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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