

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 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, Jesus is present among us.

We offer a special welcome this morning to the parishioners of Trinity, Newtown who are joining us for worship! We pray God's blessing on you this summer and we're glad you've join us this morning.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Concerto in C Major, Siciliana

Jennifer Famous (Clarinet)

Domenico Cimarosa (1749 – 1801)

Opening Hymn

Hanover

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

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
 2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
 4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) Music: *Hanover*, arr. William Croft (1678-1727)

The Officiant begins

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens together with the saints and members of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

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

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

God is the rock of our salvation:

People

O come, let us worship.

Officiant and People say together

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.**

For you are a great God; *

you are great above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, *

and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Officiant

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People

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Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

The People read the portions in bold.

¹ LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

² You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

³ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

- ⁴ You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ⁶ Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- ¹⁰ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- ¹¹ Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- ²² Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- ²³ Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle K

A Song of our Adoption

Officiant and People say together

**Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
for you have blessed us in Christ**

with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

**Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.**

You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ, *

according to the good pleasure of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,
According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of

our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle M

A Song of Faith

Officiant and People say together

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *

by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *

we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.

The ransom that was paid to free us *

was not paid in silver or gold,

But in the precious blood of Christ, *

the Lamb without spot or stain.

God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *

so that we might have faith and hope in God.

The Third Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest

time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Musical Meditation

Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford

Sung by Jennifer and Erin Famous

*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 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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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, 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.**

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 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

Tidings

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

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion;
Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901)

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

Courante, French Suite No. 5 G major
Erin Famous (Viola) J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Deacon

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

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Erin & Jennifer Famous

Facebook Greeter

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, 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 Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill. Committees, Staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.

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.



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.

Weekly Calendar – July 19 - July 26

Sunday, **July 19**

9:30am

10:00am

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Church School (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Tuesday, **July 21**

11:00am

9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Wednesday, **July 22**

3:00pm

Music Lab Wednesdays (Livestream & FB Live)

Thursday, **July 23**

2:30-4:00pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

Sunday, **July 26**

9:30am

10:00am

11:30am

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Church School (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Vestry Meeting

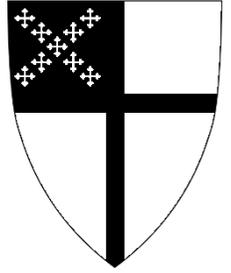
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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