



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 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

Berceuse

Gabriel Fauré (1845 – 1924)

Opening Hymn

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

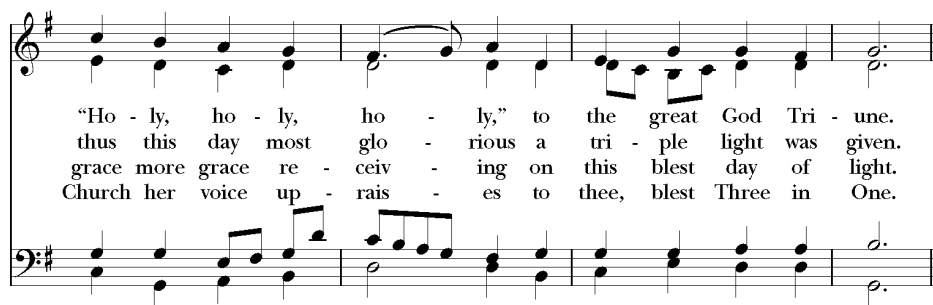
The Cantor sings verses. The People are invited to sing at home.

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the



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arr. George Ratcliff Woodward (1848-1934)

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 Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us 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
O come, let us worship.

Psalm 119:105-112

The People read the portions in bold.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn and am determined ***
to keep your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, ***
and teach me your judgments.

¹⁰⁹ My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have set a trap for me, ***
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes ***
for ever and to the end.

The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Canticle J

A Song of Judith

Officiant and People say together

**I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious,
wonderful in strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you, *
you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19

The Song of the Redeemed

Officiant and People say together

**Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.**

**In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.**

The Third Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

<i>Lector</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Musical Meditation

Flute Sonata in E-Flat Major, BWV 1031 II. Siciliano

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

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and to share what you have*



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

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through 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.**

Closing Hymn

Sicilian Mariners

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

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,
tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness,
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817) Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

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

F Major Sonata (Opus 1, No 1)

Giga

George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759)

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher

The Rev. Don Burr

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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, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland; St. James', Poquetanuck. ECCT and parish committees on investments, stewardship, planning giving, insurance and personnel policy.

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



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.



Explore Education for Ministry: Last Call!

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. Sharon Pearson, a certified EfM mentor will facilitate the seminar and will offer a Zoom gathering on Wednesday, July 15 (7-8pm) to explain what the program entails and answer questions for those who may have missed it. If desired, we will also do a “mini-theological reflection” to understand how Scripture, our Christian tradition, our society/culture, and our stories can inform how we view God and live out our lives as people of faith. To learn more about the program in advance: <http://efm.sewanee.edu> or contact Sharon at sharonepearson@gmail.com.



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 12 - July 19

Sunday, July 12

9:30am

10:00am

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Church School (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Tuesday, July 14

11:00am

9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Wednesday, July 15

3:00pm

Music Lab Wednesdays (Livestream & FB Live)

Thursday, July 16

2:30-4:00pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

Sunday, July 19

9:30am

10:00am

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Church School (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

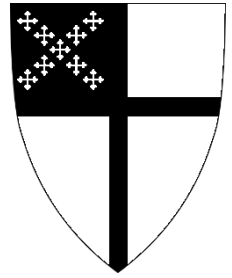
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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