

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 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 in C Major, BWV 846

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

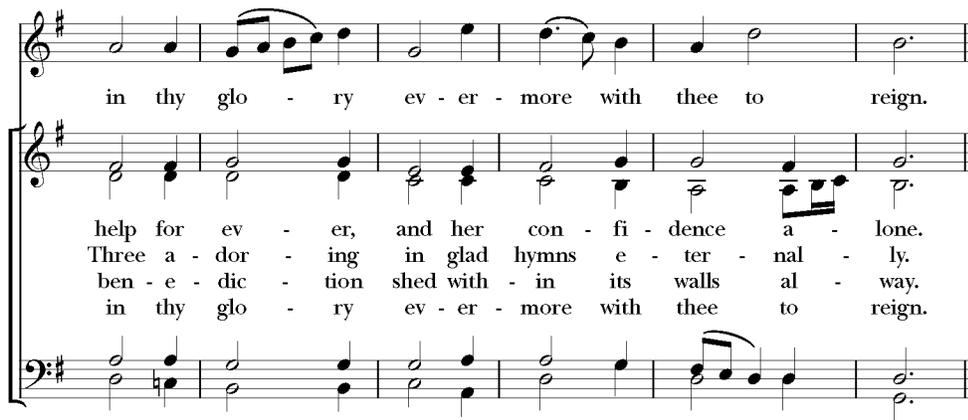
Opening Hymn

Westminster Abbey

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

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
 cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
 bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929) Copyright © by permission of Church Society, London. All rights reserved. Used with permission

The Officiant begins

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to
 your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Officiant and People say together

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant

O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.

People

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:


As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Officiant

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People

Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People say together

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

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

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

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People

Come let us adore him.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 *The People read the portions in bold.*

¹ Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

² **Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; ***
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

³ Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

⁴ **Gladden the soul of your servant, ***
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

⁶ **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, ***
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

⁸ **Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, ***
nor anything like your works.

⁹ All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.

¹⁰ **For you are great; you do wondrous things; ***
and you alone are God.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your
handmaid.

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 11

The Third Song of Isaiah

Officiant and People say together

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

**For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

**But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.**

**Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

**Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.**

**They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

**Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.**

**You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.**

**The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**

**The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19

The Song of the Redeemed

Officiant and People say together

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Musical Meditation

My heart ever faithful

Sung by Emily Risley

J.S. Bach

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



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

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The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People say together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting Amen.**

The Prayers

Deacon **The Lord be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

Deacon **Let us pray.**

The Deacon and People say together

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. **We praise your name for ever.**
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. **For we put our trust in you.**
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Frank, Bo, Margaret, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, and those we now name _____.

We pray for all those we love and see no longer, [especially _____]. We commend to your mercy all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we

gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Aurelia

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

1 The Church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900) Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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.**

Trumpet Voluntary

John Bennett (1735 - 1784)

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
Deacon The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
Lectors Beth Baker, Michael Kaelin, Jen Kepner,
Sharon Pearson, Pam Ely
Artist in Residence Scott Ellaway
Cantor Emily Risley
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, 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 All Saints', Oakville; St. Saviour's, Old Greenwich; St. Ann's, Old Lyme. Camp Washington: staff, board, counselors, and campers.

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.



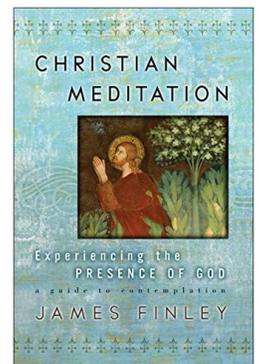


Seeking to study the Bible and how to apply it to your daily life? Education for Ministry (Efm) helps us understand how we are called into relationship with God, neighbor, and creation wherever we are – at home, at work, in all the places we spend time. A four-year program (with a commitment one year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

Sharon Pearson, a certified Efm mentor will facilitate the seminar and will offer a **Zoom gathering on Monday, June 22 (7-8pm)** to explain what the program entails and answer questions. 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.

Christian Meditation: Learn the Basics

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



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

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

Thursdays from 7:00-8:00pm

June 18th, Chapters 4-6 June 25th, Chapters 7-10 and July 2nd, Chapters 11-14; for this session we'll finish the reading and you're invited to start practicing (if you haven't already!). At our last session we'll talk through your experience, challenges, and successes together along with any practicalities we haven't touched on yet.

Weekly Calendar – June 21 – June 28

Sunday, **June 21**

9:30am

10:00am

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Church School (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Tuesday, **June 23**

11:00am

7:00pm

9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Confirmation Meeting (Zoom)

Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Wednesday, **June 24**

3:00pm

Music Lab Wednesdays (Livestream & FB Live)

Thursday, **June 25**

2:30-4:00pm

7:00pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

Christian Meditation, Part Three (Zoom)

Sunday, **June 28**

9:30am

10:00am

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Church School (Zoom)

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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.

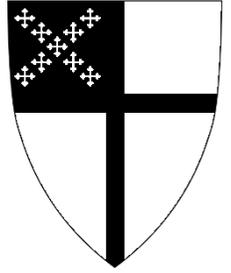
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here:

<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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