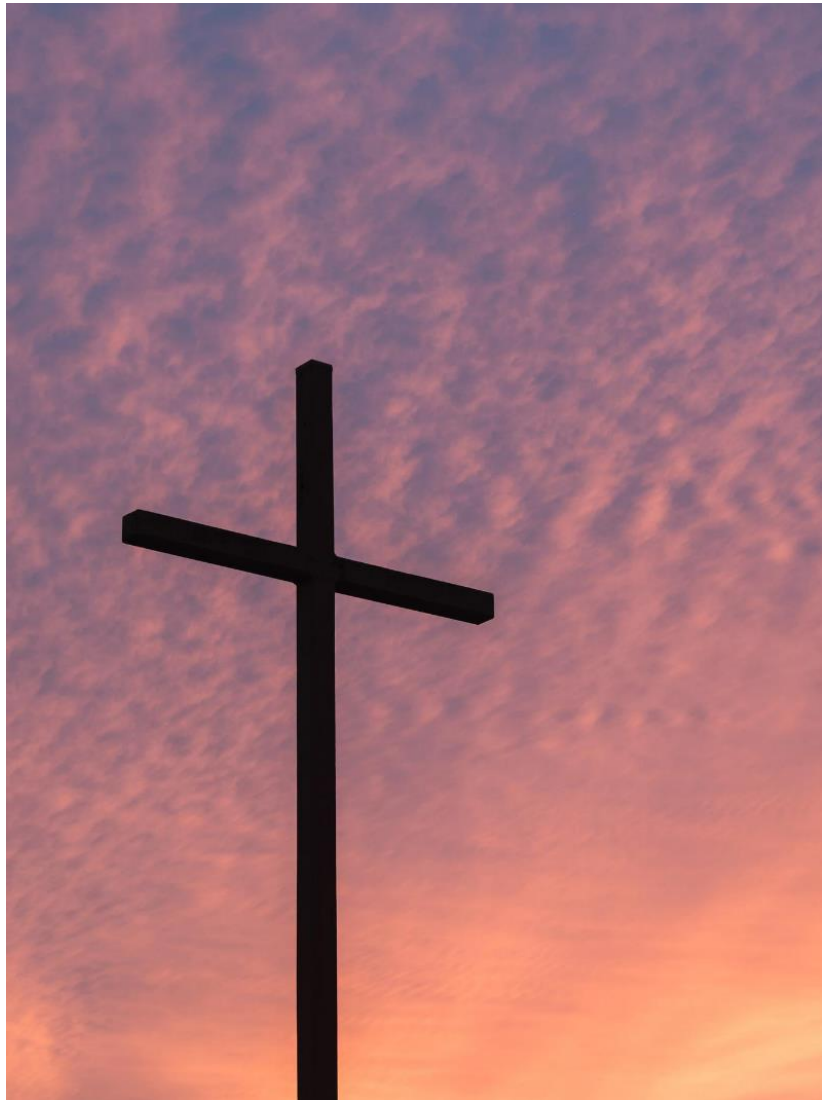




Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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

Sarabande

From Partita in A minor for solo flute, BWV 1013

Linda Gortz, Soloist

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Hymn

Forest Green

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

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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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

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

People

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

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

People

Let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26,45c

People read the portions in bold.

¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² **Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

³ Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ **Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.**

⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

²³ Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

**²⁴ The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;**

²⁵ Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.

**²⁶ He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

⁴⁵ Hallelujah!

The First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land,

a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

Canticle S

A Song of Our True Nature

Officiant and People say together

**Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, *
our trespasses and our humiliations.**

**Christ also revealed his blessed power, *
his blessed wisdom and love.**

**He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are
in greatest need; * he raises us in spirit
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.**

**God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; *
God is the true father and mother of natures.**

We are all bound to God by nature, *

and we are all bound to God by grace.
And this grace is for all the world, *
because it is our precious mother, Christ.
For this fair nature was prepared by Christ
for the honor and nobility of all, *
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 Third Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

*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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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, Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Liza, 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 _____]. 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

Laudes Domini

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

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

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

Bourrée Anglaise
Linda Gortz, Soloist

From Partita in A minor for solo flute, BWV 1013
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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: *Rich, Gina, Gene, 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. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker and Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Kent School; South Kent School, Pomfret School, Salisbury School, Wooster School, Rectory School; St. Thomas Day School, New Haven, Trinity Academy, Hartford; the Episcopal Church at Yale; the Episcopal Church at UCONN, Storrs; Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Trinity College, Hartford.

AUGUST 2020: ST. MATT'S ENGAGES THE SEASON OF RACIAL HEALING, JUSTICE, AND RECONCILIATION

AUGUST 2

The Rev. Don Hamer will be our Guest Preacher. Join us for worship and then for a forum in a Zoom room at 11:30.

**AUGUST 6 AT 7PM
AUGUST 11TH AT 7PM**

Two Zoom sessions to reflect on, discuss, and learn from Debby Irving's book *Waking Up White*.

**AUGUST 20 AT 7PM
AUGUST 25TH AT 7PM**

Two Zoom sessions to reflect on, discuss, and learn from the Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas' book *Stand Your Ground*.

**SEPTEMBER 6TH
AT 11:30 AM**

The Rev. Don Hamer will join us again as we reflect on what we've learned and what God might be calling us to do and to be.

Think of this as a place to begin.
A chance to enter the conversation. To listen and learn.
At the beginning of September,
we'll talk together about what next steps might be.
First, join this community of learners and discerners.

Questions? marissa@stmatthewswilton.org

Weekly Calendar – August 30 – September 6

Sunday, **August 30**

10:00am

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Tuesday, **September 1**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, **September 6**

10:00am

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

11:30am

Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Forum
with the Rev. Dr. Don Hamer

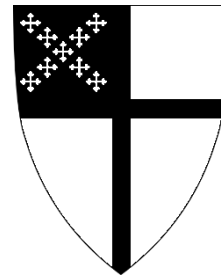
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Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

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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