



**Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 23, 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

II. Andante un poco Adagio  
From Clarinet Sonata op. 120 No. 1

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)  
Jennifer Famous, Soloist

### Opening Hymn

*Nicaea*

The Cantor sings verses 1, 3, & 4. The People are invited to sing at home.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 \*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

*The Officiant begins*

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

*John 4:24*

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*The Officiant and People say together*

**God of all mercy,**

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

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

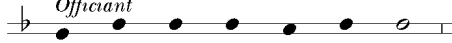
**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

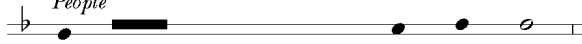
**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

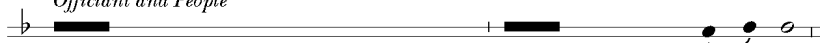
*The Priest says*

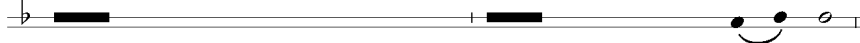
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*  
  
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 124**

*People read the portions in bold.*

<sup>1</sup> If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;

<sup>2</sup> **If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;**

<sup>3</sup> Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;

<sup>4</sup> **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;**

<sup>5</sup> Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.

**6 Blessed be the LORD! \***

**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \***  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

## **The First Lesson**

## **Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle M**

## A Song of Creation

*Officiant and People say together*

*Invocation, The Earth and Its Creatures, Doxology*

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**Let the earth glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains  
and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, \***

**O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, \*  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson**

**Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

## Canticle O

## A Song of Christ's Goodness

*Officiant and People say together*

**Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.**

**Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.**

**You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.**

**Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.**

**Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.**

**Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*  
your touch makes sinners righteous.**

**Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.**

**In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.**

## The Third Lesson

## Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**



**Musical Meditation**      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy      *St. Helena*  
Emma Famous, Violin, Erin Famous, Cello, & Jennifer Famous, Soprano

*Do not neglect to do good  
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.*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.**

# Parish Announcements

## The Blessing

*The Priest blesses the People saying*

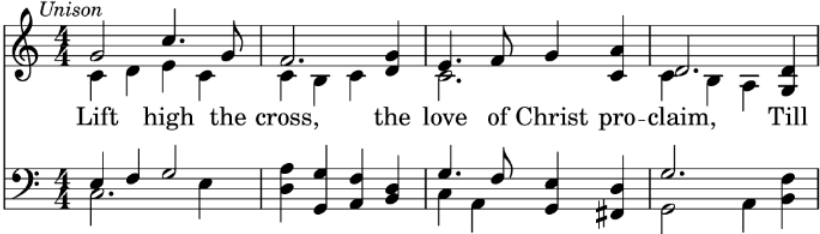
May God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways. May the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and may the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier pour upon you blessing and light this day and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Crucifer*


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

*Unison*



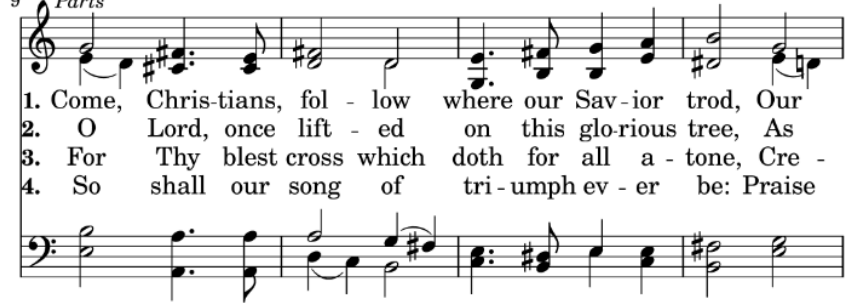
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim, Till

*Fine*



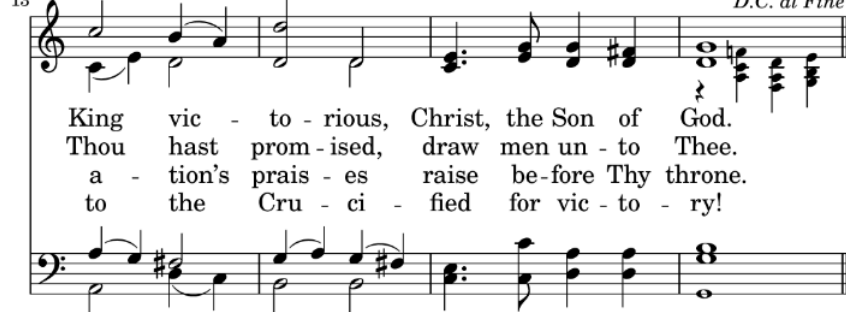
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

*Parts*



1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod, Our  
2. O Lord, once lift-ed on this glo-rious tree, As  
3. For Thy blest cross which doth for all a-tone, Cre-  
4. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise

*D.C. al Fine*



King vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Thou hast prom-ised, draw men un-to Thee.  
a-tion's prais-es raise be-fore Thy throne.  
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

*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 Arcangelo Corelli (1653 – 1713)  
Emma Famous, Violin

### **Worship Leaders**

*Officiant & Preacher*

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

*Deacon*

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

*Lectors*

Vytas Kisielius, Andy Gaillard, Anne Newton,  
Andrea Sato, Samantha Trolice

*Artist in Residence*

Scott Ellaway

*Cantor*

Jennifer Famous

*Instrumentalists*

Emma Famous, Erin Famous, 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: *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, Matthew Comeau, and Joshua Holcombe.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs. Church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

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

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**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.

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**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*.

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**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*.

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**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.

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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](mailto:marissa@stmatthewswilton.org)

## Weekly Calendar – August 23 – August 30

Sunday, **August 23**

10:00am

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Tuesday, **August 25**

11:00am

7:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

*Stand Your Ground*, Part 2 (Zoom)

Sunday, **August 30**

10:00am

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter).

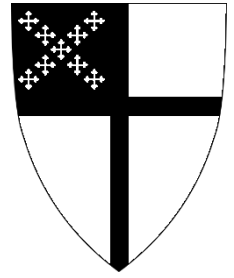
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

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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