

**Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 25, 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

Andante Tranquillo

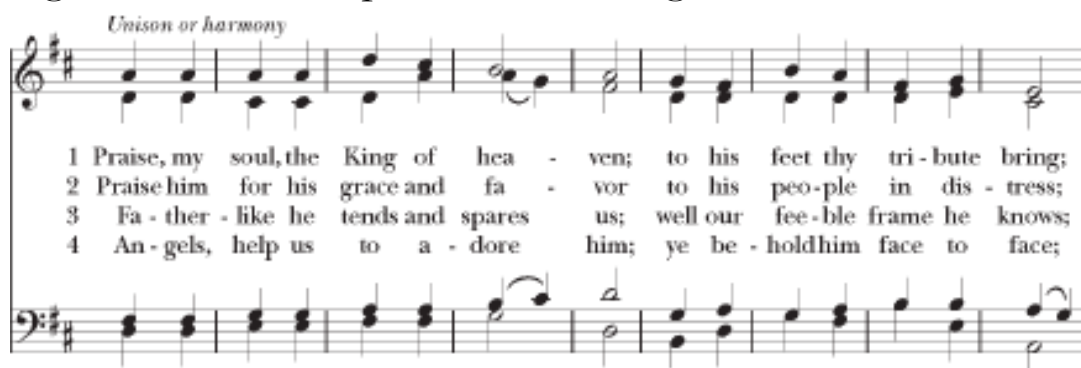
Peter Warlock

### Opening Hymn

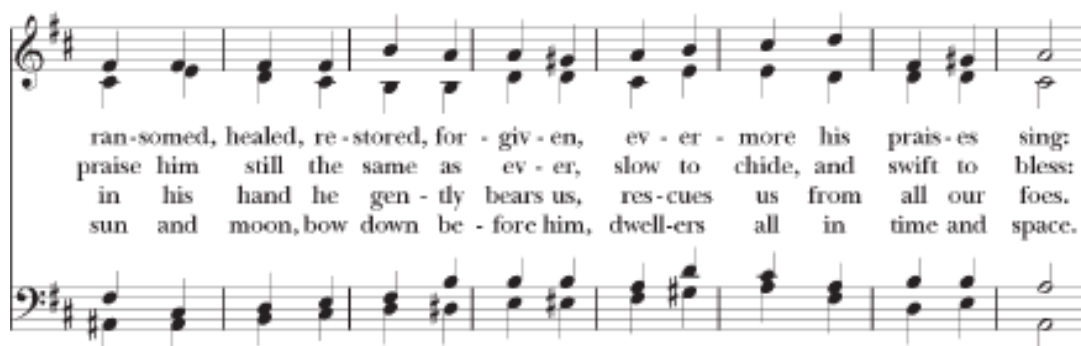
*Lauda anima*

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

*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*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*

*People*

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

**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*

*People*

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

## **Psalm 90**

*Sung by the Cantor*

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our / refuge \*  
from one generation / to another.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were / born, \*  
from age to age / you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You turn us back to the dust and / say, \*  
"Go back, O / child of earth."

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is / past \*  
and like a watch / in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep us away like a / dream; \*  
we fade away suddenly / like the grass.

<sup>6</sup> In the morning it is green and / flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried / up and withered.

- <sup>13</sup> Return, O LORD; how long will you / tarry? \*  
be gracious / to your servants.
- <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the / morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days / of our life.
- <sup>15</sup> Make us glad by the measure of the days that you / afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we / suffered adversity.
- <sup>16</sup> Show your servants your / works \*  
and your splendor / to their children.
- <sup>17</sup> May the graciousness of the LORD our God be / upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our / handiwork.

## **The First Lesson**

## **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**                      **The Spirit of the Lord**                      **Edward Elgar**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle G

A Song of Ezekiel

*The Cantor sings the verses.*

I will take you from among all / nations; \*  
and gather you from all lands to / bring you home.

I will sprinkle clean water / upon you; \*  
and purify you from false gods and / uncleanness.

A new heart I will give / you \*  
and a new spirit / put within you.

I will take the stone heart from your / chest \*  
and give you a / heart of flesh.

I will help you walk in my / laws \*  
and cherish my commandments and / do them.

You shall be my / people, \*  
and I will / be your God.

## The Third Lesson

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

Meg Stapleton Smith

**Anthem**

**O taste and see**

**Ralph Vaughan Williams**

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



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

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**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People say together*

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

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

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



under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People say together*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, Kathy, and those we now name \_\_\_\_\_.

We pray for all those we love and see no longer, especially Wayne Ratliff, in who's memory the altar flowers are given. 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 mission and send us in common purpose, 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 your 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 give you the grace to never sell yourself short; the grace to risk something big for something good; the grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. And may the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sustains be with you today and always. **Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

Paderborn

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

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Paderborn, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

*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**

**Nimrod (from the Enigma Variations)**

**Edward Elgar**

## **Worship Leaders**

*Officiant*

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

*Preacher*

Meg Stapleton Smith

*Deacon*

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

*Lectors*

Simon Hornby, Kim Hall, Lydia Hall, Sharon Pearson,  
Samantha Trolice

*Artist in Residence*

Scott Ellaway

*Cantor*

Andrea Zomorodian

*Parish Choir*

*Coffee Hour Hosts*

Jen Kepner & Pam Ely

*Facebook Greeter*

Pam Ely



*Flowers*

The flowers are given in loving memory of  
Wayne Ratliff, father of Kim Hall.

**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, Gene, Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, 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 All Saint's, West Cornwall; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford. Diocesan Episcopal Church Women, Diocesan Altar Guild; local ECW chapters and parish altar guilds

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## Join Us for Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9am

This fall, coffee hour returns in a slightly different form! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am. Gather with other parishioners for an hour before virtual worship at 10am. Bring your coffee or tea and spend some time connecting with all those faces you miss! To begin, Coffee Hour will be hosted each week by our Vestry members and Officers. As we move further into the year, there will be opportunities for others to host as well. As always, Zoom information will be shared in our e-News and will be posted in our Parishioner Facebook Group. We can't wait to see you!





Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

## Join us in a Zoom room for Sung Compline - Tuesday nights at 9pm

This fall, we're going to try something new for Compline! One of the pieces we miss most about worshipping together is actually **being together**. So for the first part of the fall, we're going to try gathering in a Zoom room for Compline. This will allow us to see each other as we worship and it will allow us to connect for a few minutes afterwards, to talk to each other, to engage together on a deeper level - and we hope you'll try it with us!

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## Evening Prayer at St. Matthew's – All Are Invited



and our Parishioner Facebook Group.

Set aside your Wednesday evenings as a family (or after the kids go to bed) to join St. Matthew's for online Evening Prayer to end the day. Offered via Zoom, this short (15-20 minute) service will help you settle down after a long day, giving thanks for what has been done and what has been left undone. Starting at 8:00pm led by members of St. Matt's, we will begin by greeting one another then move into prayer with the opportunity for anyone to contribute or ask for prayers during the service. A link will be provided each week in our eNews



## St. Matt's Parish Pen Pal Exchange

Flat Matt invites you to be a part of the Parish Pen Pal Exchange. It's a whimsical and fun way to connect with other members of the St. Matt's family, while we're apart. Especially for the holidays!! Sign up via the link on the St. Matt's website or in the eNews and you receive a custom Flat Matt themed starter kit with all you need to kick off this new friendship: pens, paper, stamps, envelopes and writing prompts.

Make sure to encourage another St. Matt's friend or family to join you!

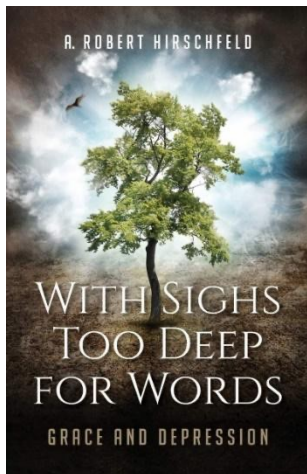


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## Fall Book Study with Don: Mental Health & Spirituality



This fall, Don will host a weekly Zoom gathering on Wednesday evenings to explore the new book, *With Sighs Too Deep for Words*, by Bishop Robert Hirschfeld, the Bishop of New Hampshire. We'll meet at 7pm for about 60 minutes of informal conversation to unpack the questions at the conclusion of each chapter. Zoom links will be in our e-news as well as in our Parishioner Facebook Group. The book is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Church Publishing [www.churchpublishing.org/withsighstoo Deepforwords](http://www.churchpublishing.org/withsighstoo Deepforwords) Questions? Send Don a note [don@stmatthewswilton.org](mailto:don@stmatthewswilton.org)

September 23, September 30, October 7, October 21, October 28

## Weekly Calendar – October 25 – November 1

Sunday, **October 25**

9:00am  
10:00am  
11:30am

**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Coffee Hour (Zoom) with Meg  
Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)  
Vestry Meeting

Monday, **October 26**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry class (Zoom)

Tuesday, **October 27**

11:00am  
7:00pm  
9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)  
Confirmand Faith Presentations (Zoom)  
Compline (Zoom & Livestream)

Wednesday **October 28**

8:00pm

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, **October 29**

3:20-4:50pm  
7:30pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott  
Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Sunday, **November 1**

9:00am  
9:00-9:30am  
10:00am

**All Saints Day**

Coffee Hour (Zoom)  
Church School K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (Zoom)  
Holy Eucharist -Rite 2 (Livestream)

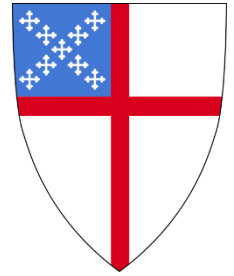
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Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

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.*



### **Staff**

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