



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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

Pastorale

Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

Opening Hymn

Nettleton

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



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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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 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 78:1-7

Sung by the Cantor

- ¹ Hear my teaching, O my / people; *
incline your ears to the words / of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth in a / parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of / ancient times.
- ³ That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have / told us, *
we will not hide / from their children.
- ⁴ We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / LORD, *
and the wonderful works / he has done.
- ⁵ He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for / Israel, *
which he commanded them to / teach their children;

⁶ That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet / unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it / to their children;
⁷ So that they might put their trust in / God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but / keep his commandments;

The First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and

do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Ave Verum

William Byrd (1543 - 1623)

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.*

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death!*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle P

A Song of the Spirit

The Cantor sings the verses.

"Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord,

"and bringing my reward with me, *

to give to everyone according to their deeds.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *

the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who do God's commandments, that they may have the

right to the tree of life, *

and may enter the city through the gates.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *

with this testimony for all the churches.

"I am the root and the offspring of David, *

I am the bright morning star." "Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride; *

"Come!" let each hearer reply!

Come forward, you who are thirsty, *

let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

The Third Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Anthem

Lead me, Lord

S. Wesley (1810 - 1876)

*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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, 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 Louise Gentry, Aunt of Jennifer Famous, and Bruce Cousino, friend of Susan Abrams. We commend to your mercy all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Patricia Hopkinson Dunham, in whose memory the altar flowers are given, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We give thanks for the healing and wholeness of Laura Borak, daughter of Beth Baker who is now cancer free. The Baker/Fuller family give thanks for the love of this St. Matthew's community that helped their family to hold on and endure.

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 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

Bryn Calfaria

The Cantor sings verses 1, 4 & 5. The People are invited to sing at home.

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -
1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 Al - le - lu - ia! 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt. Music: *Bryn Calfaria*, melody William Owen (1813-1893); harm. *Christian Hymns*, 1977

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

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

A Word of Thanks from the Baker/Fuller family

Laura Borak offers her praise to God for her healing and her gratitude to all of St. Matthew's for their support and encouragement by their prayers for her these last 18 months. The Baker/Fuller family is forever grateful for the many ways St. Matthew's helped our family to hold on—your love and God's healing presence has helped us endure. Laura's latest medical reports read: "no sign of any cancer detected". Just about the best phrase in the English language-as many of you know!!

Worship Leaders

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
<i>Lectors</i>	Caroline DeAngelis, Amy Gubner, John Pearson, Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice
<i>Artist in Residence</i>	Scott Ellaway
<i>Cantor</i>	Janet Nobles
<i>Choir</i>	Schola Cantorum
<i>Instrumentalists</i>	Orchestra Europa
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Brian Angerame, Pam Ely
<i>Facebook Greeter</i>	Pam Ely



Flowers

The flowers are given in loving memory of Patricia Hopkinson Dunham by Pam & Amanda 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, Nancy, Ken, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Gene, 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 Christ & Holy Trinity, Westport; Trinity, Wethersfield; St. Paul's, Willimantic, St. Matthew's, Wilton. All deacons and the Deacons' Council, and the Province I School for Deacons.

Meet the RenewalWorks Team:

Pam Ely, Facilitator

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Beth Cristini

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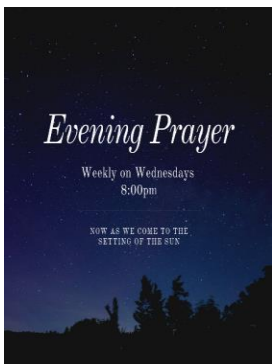
Samantha Trolice,

Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

If you have questions about this process or thoughts to contribute after taking the Spiritual Life Inventory, please be in touch with Pam or Marissa. You can also check in with these team members who are giving their time and their gifts to this process as we chart a course forward.

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!



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

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 and our Parishioner Facebook Group.



In a Zoom Room
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!

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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Altar Flower Dedications Are Back

You can now celebrate or memorialize your loved ones with flower dedications. Let us know the date you would like and any colors or flowers you want (we will do our best) and the Flower Guild will make a beautiful vase arrangement and delivery to your home (local addresses only please). We will announce the dedication in church and on our social media. A \$75 donation is suggested.

Please email Jennifer Angerame theangerames@gmail.com with your questions and requests.



Weekly Calendar – November 8 – November 15

Sunday, **November 8**

9:00am

10:00am

11:30am

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Renewal Work Team Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, **November 9**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry class (Zoom)

Tuesday, **November 10**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

9:00pm

Compline (Zoom & Livestream)

Wednesday **November 11**

8:00pm

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, **November 12**

3:20-4:50pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Sunday, **November 15**

9:00am

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour (Zoom)

9:00-9:30am

Church School K-5th Grade (Zoom)

10:00am

Holy Eucharist -Rite 2 (Livestream)

11:30am

Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

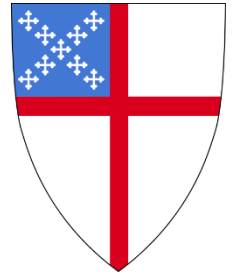
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Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

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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