

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer – Rite II
Palm Sunday & the Sunday of the Passion
April 5, 2020
10:00 am

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you came to worship with us.

If you are visiting us, if you have questions, or if you are in need of assistance, please be in touch with the Rector via email: marissa@stmatthewswilton.org.

Everything you need to participate in worship is in this worship bulletin.

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, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

The People are invited to gather and hold greens from their own yards and homes. We will pray together over these greens in the first part of the liturgy and then you should use them to process during the first hymn! Afterwards, they can take up residence on your home altar.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Prelude

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 618

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Officiant Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Lector A Reading from Luke.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has

never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Blessing of the Palms

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Officiant continues

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Officiant

Let us go forth in peace.

People

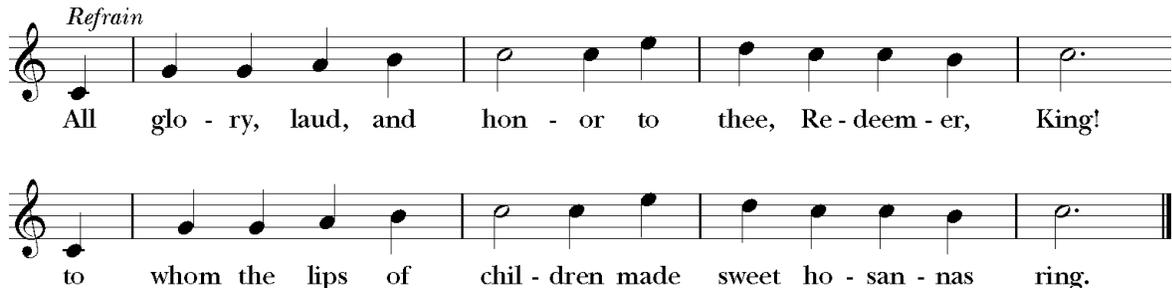
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

Valet will ich dir geben

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

Refrain

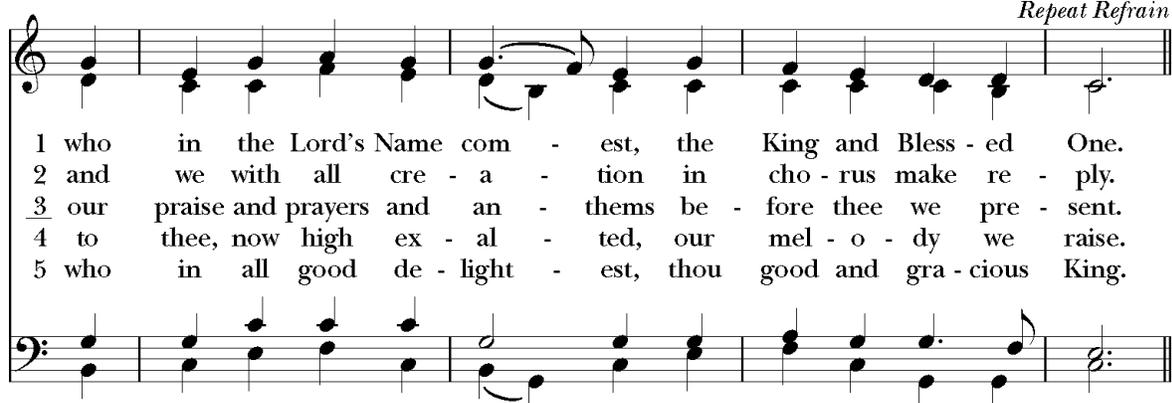


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

The Officiant begins with the following sentence of scripture.

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Mark 8:34

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Officiant and People say together

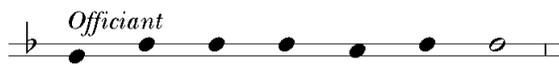
**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son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

The Priest says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant



O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.

People

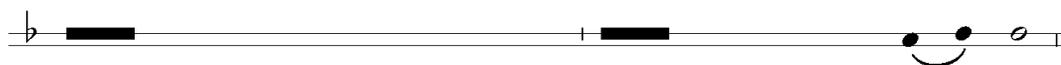


And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People



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



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

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te Domine, speravi*

Choirs and congregation chant the psalm; the congregation joins on the verses in bold.



Tone II.1

9 Have mercy on me O LORD for I am in trouble;*
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 **For my life is wasted with grief and my years with / sighing; ***
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my
bones / are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 **I am forgotten like a dead man out of / mind; * I am as**
useless as a / broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 **But as for me, I have trusted in you O / LORD. ***
I have said, "You / are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute
me.

16 **Make your face to shine upon your / servant, ***
and in your loving-kind- / ness save me."

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 10

The Second Song of Isaiah

Officiant and People together

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

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

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God

also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

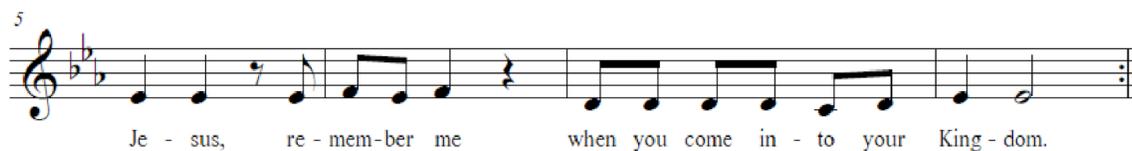
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*If you would like to follow along with the reading of the Passion, [click here](#) (opens new tab). The People are invited to read the parts of the “Congregation.” When we come to the place of the crucifixion, to Golgotha**, please stand as you are able.*

Song “Jesus, remember me” Taizé



The Homily

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Musical Meditation

Traditional

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
sung by Emily Risley

The Apostles' Creed

The 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 The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The 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.**

An Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

On this day the church hears again the passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. We follow along the steep road into Jerusalem as pilgrims continue to do, recalling the love poured out for all. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For the whole church throughout the world, for bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, and particularly for the Church in Jerusalem, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For those who are preparing for baptism and confirmation, and for their teachers and mentors. For schools everywhere, and for all those who seek a future of reason and hope for the next generation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For peace among the nations and forbearance among all people, for the building of hope in our Holy Land. For our Jewish and Muslim siblings, and for all who seek to open windows between our faiths, so that we might learn how to listen to one another, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For this assembly, scattered as we are, that we may share a holy journey to the cross; and for all those who have carried forth our faith since the time of the first Apostles, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For the weary, for the sick, for those who are consumed with sorrow, for the forgotten, for the isolated, and for all who have commended themselves to us for any need, especially Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Steve, Kim, Katie,

Brooke, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Richard, Mary Lou, Kirk, and Charles, and for all those we now name [_____], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For all who are in harm's way, especially those who serve in the military, Jake, Matthew and Joshua. For all who risk being in interfaith dialogue with those different from themselves and who seek peace in our Holy Land. For all healthcare workers and first responders, may they know healing who put themselves at risk to seek the healing of others. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

For all who have died, especially Ellen, and those we now name_____. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

We give thanks for all the departed who shared the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. And we ask your help, O God, that our faith may lead us to that feast prepared for those who love you since the foundations of the earth. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, make your face to shine upon your servants.

The People are invited to offer prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

Samantha offers a prayer written by the Confirmands

Dear God, Keep us united during this time of trial. Bless our leaders as they work to guide us through the uncertainty. We ask that you keep the vulnerable populations safe, be with those who are sick and bring them through a quick recovery. May you bless the health care professionals who are risking their lives daily to keep us safe. We ask that you make your presence felt in hot spots where the virus has made a greater impact. Help us walk alongside Jesus this Holy Week as we carry each other's burdens and find truth and comfort in his life, death and resurrection. **Amen.**

Officiant

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

The 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

Blessing

The Officiant blesses the people saying

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit guard you this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

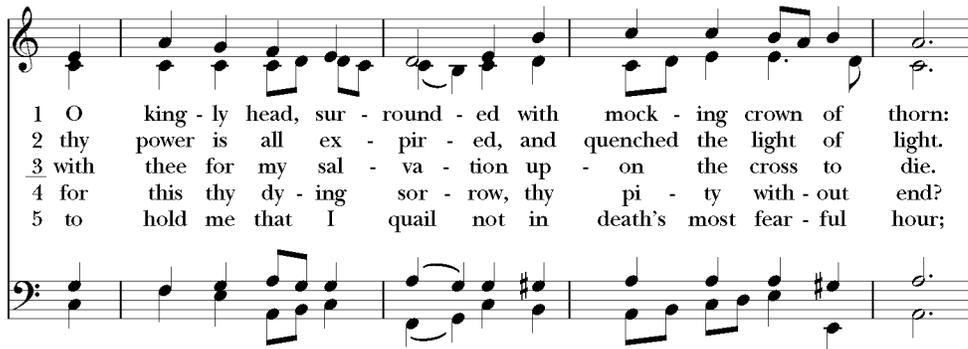
Closing Hymn

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

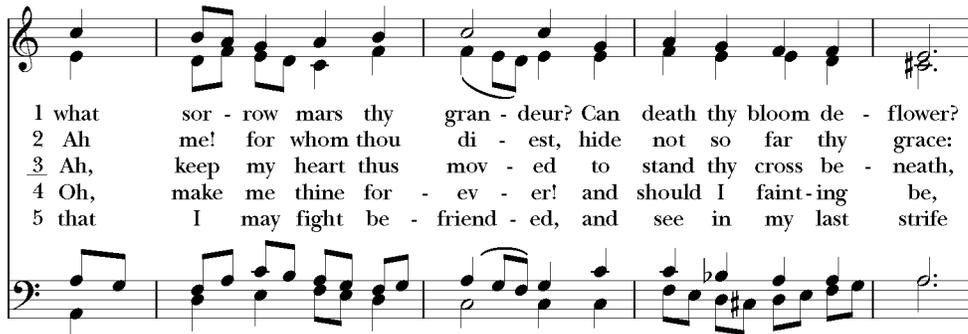
The Cantor sings verses 1,2, & 3. The People are invited to sing at home.



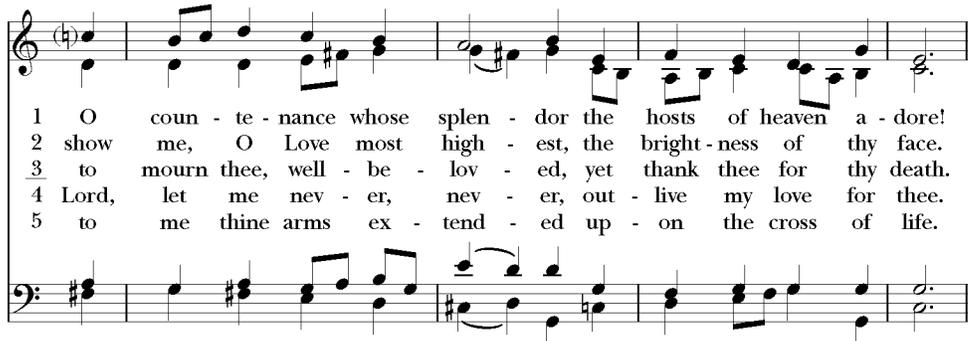
1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hessler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Officiant
People

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Choral Prelude

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622

Don't forget to look at the end of this bulletin for Palm Sunday instructions for our Altars in the Wilderness!

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Parish Intern: Meg Stapleton Smith

Artist in Residence: Scott Ellaway

Lectors: Andrea Sato, Janet Nobles, Christian Theoharides

People: Andy Gaillard, Kacky Theohardies, Samantha Trolice

Passion Readers

Narrator:	Kate Jarvis	Servant Girl 1:	Lydia Hall
Judas	Mike Kaelin	Servant Girl 2:	Sharon Pearson
Disciple:	John Pearson	Bystanders:	Lindsay Wyman
Jesus:	Mike O'Connell	Pilate:	Paul Reis
Peter:	Don Burr	Pilate's Wife:	Caroline DeAngelis
Accusers:	Lindsay Wyman	Centurion:	Lydia Hall
High Priest:	Jean Campbell	Congregation:	John Pearson
Chief Priest:	Caroline DeAngelis	Soldiers:	Lydia 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: *Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Steve, Kim, Katie, Laura, Petra, Laine, Brooke, Doris, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Ellen Maxwell, Charles Kennedy, and Kirk Tenant. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker, Matthew Comeau, and Joshua Holcombe.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; St. Michael's, Litchfield Collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks; Joining Jesus in the New Missional Age, ECCT Regions and Region Missionaries.

From Artist in Residence, Scott Ellaway Live Broadcasts during Holy Week

Equally committed to artistic excellence, providing quality programming to the local community, St. Matt's has commissioned international conductor Scott Ellaway to create three online programs that are scheduled to go out live during Holy Week. Each program, lasting twenty-five minutes, will focus on the Four Last Songs by Richard Strauss. Each song will be explored in turn, a performance, followed by a question and answer session for those attending online who wish to participate.

The dates that have been selected are:

Palm Sunday, April 5, 3pm EST

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 3pm EST

Holy Saturday, April 11, 3pm EST

The live broadcast will go out from this page:

<https://opusyou.com/cinematic-broadcast/strauss-four-last-songs>.



St. Matt's -Virtually

Does it feel like there's a lot going on at St. Matt's? That's because there is!

If you need information on an online program, we're piling up opportunities for worship, connection, and exploration on this website: www.stmatthewswilton.org/virtually.

For information about Holy Week specifically, or if you think you missed some of the instructions for our altars, visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/holyweek.

You can always go there to look for news about what's happening!



Holy Week Worship & Music Schedule – April 5-April 12

Palm Sunday, April 5	Morning Prayer at 10am (Livestream) Live Broadcast: Four Last Songs at 3pm
Monday in Holy Week, April 6	Evening Prayer at 7pm (Livestream)
Tuesday in Holy Week, April 7	Compline at 9pm (Livestream)
Wednesday in Holy Week, April 8	Morning Prayer at 9am (Facebook Live) Evening Prayer at 7pm (Livestream)
Maundy Thursday, April 9	Live Broadcast: Four Last Songs at 3pm Evening Prayer at 7pm (Livestream)
Good Friday, April 10	The Liturgy for Good Friday at Noon (Livestream) Night Prayer & Stations of the Cross at 7pm (Livestream)
Holy Saturday, April 11	Preparation Rite at 9am (Livestream) Live Broadcast: Four Last Songs at 3pm
Easter Sunday, April 12	Music Interlude from 9:30-10am (Livestream) Easter Worship at 10am (Livestream)

All Livestream worship can be found on our website:

www.stmatthewswilton.org/live



An Altar in the Wilderness

Sunday, April 5th
Palm & Passion Sunday

Step One: After church, place your palms on the altar.

Step Two: Bring Jesus to the altar, too. Along with the Palms, he will remind you of the triumphant entry into Jerusalem that we remember on Palm Sunday.

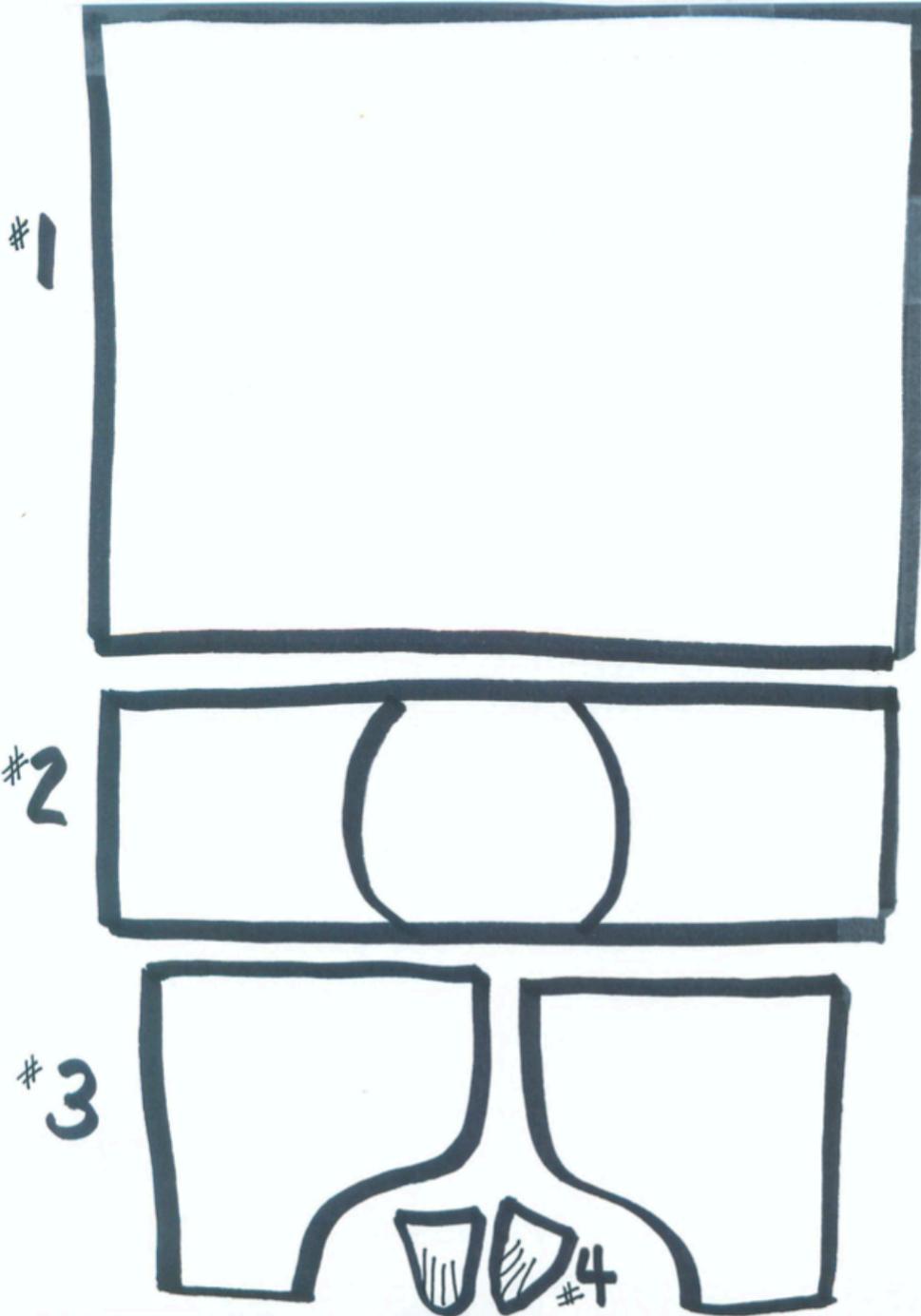
Find something to represent Jesus. This could be a LEGO person, wooden peg doll, or one you create or color. Use your imagination! Here are some templates to help.





Supplies: Empty toilet paper cardboard roll, construction paper, scissors, glue, tape, crayons/markers

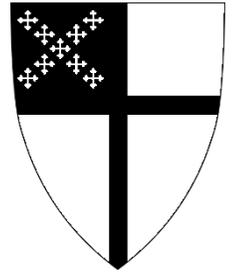
1. Using Template #1, cut out a rectangle of construction paper and glue or tape it around the cardboard roll.
2. Using Template #2, cut out another rectangle of flesh tone construction paper. Glue or tape to the top of the roll. Draw a face in the middle of it: eyes, eyebrows, nose, mouth, beard, hair, etc.
3. Using Template #3, cut out two pieces to make a robe. Glue onto body on the right and left under the face strip.
4. Using Template #4, cut out two hands remaining flesh tone paper. Add fingers. Glue onto robe.



DIY Jesus

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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