+ + Saint Matthew's + + + EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II The Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021 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

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Allegro comodo from Six Pieces

Opening Hymn 645

St. Columba

The People are invited to sing at home.

"The King of love my shepherd is"



Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant and People say together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Collect

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

The Choir chants the Psalm. The People are invited to sing at home.



- Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
 - ² "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols
 and run after false gods?"
 - ³ Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
 - ⁴ Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
 - ⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the Lord.
- ⁶ Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
 - You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
 - ⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Easter Anthem

William Billings ed. Robert Shaw

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to

them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Meditation

Water Music
Wendy Kerner, Harp

Handel

The Nicene Creed

The Celebrant and People say together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered

death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Form III

The Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold. Loving God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray especially for Todd, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Linda, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Barrie, Donnie, David, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, Kathy, Bo, Geoff, and Dann; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Inez Louise Douthitt, grandmother of Jennifer Angerame.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence.

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

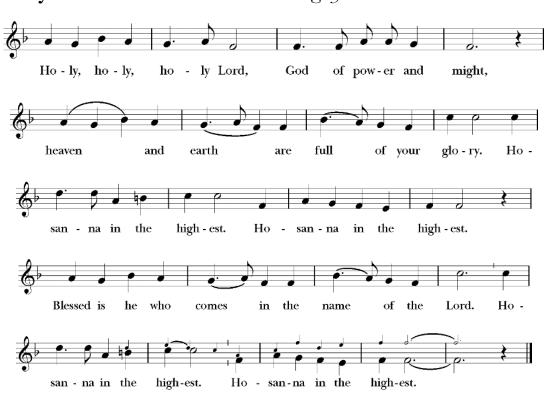
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Sung by all

Proulx



The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.



The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2nd ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my

heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of abundance, you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of

your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our

Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People saying

Beloved, life is short. And we do not have enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of our God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you to strengthen and guard you this day and always. **Amen.**

The People are invited to sing at home.

"Glorious things of thee are spoken"



Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata No. 2

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Lectors Kim Hall, Lydia Hall, John Pearson, Sharon Pearson,

Samantha Trolice

The Parish Choir

Coffee Hour Hosts Brian Angerame, Pam Ely

Facebook Greeter Pam Ely



Flowers

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Inez Louise Douthitt, grandmother of Jennifer Angerame, by the Angerame Family.

<u>Prayer Requests</u> Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six weeks</u>. 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: Todd, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Linda, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, David, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Patricia, Frank, Gene, Bo, Kathy, Geoff, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy and Dann Pompa. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker and Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam; St. George's, Middlebury; Holy Trinity, Middletown. Clergy whose work is not in parishes; multi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

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!





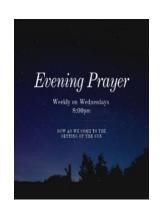
Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

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

One of the pieces we miss most about worshipping together is actually **being together.** Join us 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!

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.



Join the Conversation – A Closer look at the Sunday Gospel

As an outgrowth of our 2020 Spiritual Inventory survey, the Renewal Works team is offering **two opportunities each week, starting April 25**th, for parishioners to gather and discuss what we heard on Sunday in the Gospel and the Sermon. What jumped out at you? What confused you? How might it touch your day-to-day life? What did other parishioners hear?



This 6-week "drop-in" series (i.e., no homework!) will provide parishioners an opportunity to review the Gospel passage from Sunday and dig a little deeper into it. Starting at either 11:30am on Sundays, or 9:30am on Mondays, come with your coffee to explore what the Gospel is saying to each of us and how Marissa's sermons add to our understanding. Two Renewal Works team members will facilitate the conversation each week to help guide our discussion. So, invite a friend and join us (virtually) for an hour of fellowship and exploration. The lectionary calendar which we will follow for our discussions is below:

Week 1 (April 25, 26): John 10:11-18

Week 2: (May 2, 3): John 15:1-8

Week 3: (May 9, 10): John 15:9-17

Week 4: (May 16, 17): John 17:6-19

Week 5: (May 23, 24): John 3:1-17

(skip Memorial Day weekend)

Week 6: (June 6, 7): Mark 3:20-35

For more information, or if you have questions, you can reach out to Pam Carlson or Joe Magnano.

Altar Flower Dedications



You can 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 at theangerames@gmail.com with questions.

Weekly Calendar – April 18 – April 25

Sunday, April 18 The Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

9:00am Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom) 10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (Livestream)

Monday, April 19

7:00pm Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, April 20

11:00am Staff Meeting (Zoom) 9:00pm Compline (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 21

8:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, April 22

7:30pm Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

Sunday, April 25 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

9:00am Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

10:00am Morning Prayer (Livestream)

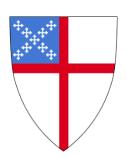
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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