



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Evening Prayer - Rite II

Maundy Thursday

April 1st, 2021

7:00 pm

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

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr', BWV 662

Opening Hymn 171

Petra

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

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fer - ing, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: Peter, Richard Ffolhead (1820-1991)

The Officiant begins

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Officiant continues

Tonight we begin the Great Three Days of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection, the journey from the supper table to the cross, from the cross to Easter dawn. We are followers in his way, exploring truth, encountering life. This is the night when Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would betray him. This is the night when Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the night when Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, showing us how to honor and serve one another in love. This is the night when Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that whenever we break bread and drink the cup we may here proclaim his holy sacrifice, and come at the last to his table in heaven.

This is the night for watching and prayer. We give ourselves freely to the demands of these great days, confident that those who die in Christ will surely live with him.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Song of Praise – Kyrie eleison

The Choir sings the verses 3 times. The People are invited to sing at home.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy, Christ, _____ have mer - cy,
Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: *Missa Oecumenica*, from *Trinitas Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx, after Alexander Archangelsky 1846-1924)

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

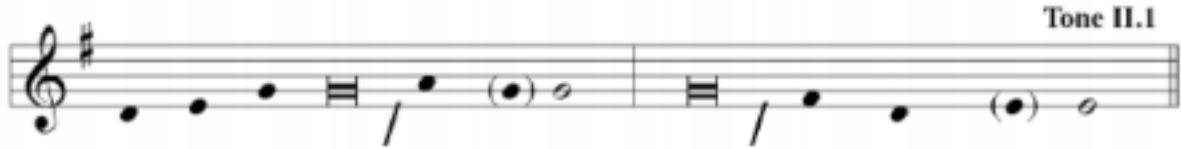
Officiant and People

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.

Then follows

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

The Choir leads the Psalm, the People are invited to sing the verses in bold.



¹ I love the Lord because he has heard the voice of my / supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I / called upon him.

¹⁰ **How shall I repay the / Lord ***
for all the good things he has / done for me?

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of / salvation *
and call upon the Name / of the Lord

¹² **I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord ***
in the presence of all / his people.

¹³ Precious in the sight of the / Lord *
is the death / of his servants.

¹⁴ **O Lord I am your / servant; ***
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me / from my bonds.

¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of / thanksgiving *
and call upon the / Name of the Lord.

¹⁶ **I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord ***
in the presence of all / his people,

¹⁷ In the courts of the Lord's / house, *
in the midst of you, / O Jerusalem.

The First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 5-10, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 14

A Song of Penitence

The Officiant and People say together

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious
goodness. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my
life. For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

The Second Reading

Corinthians 11:23-26

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation "Bless the Lord, my soul"

Taizé

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the meditation: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name, ____". The second staff, starting with a measure rest (5), contains the melody for the second line: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The music is simple and contemplative, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

The Song of Simeon

Officiant and People say together

**Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see;**

A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

**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 Holy Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new

commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

The Anthem

John Stainer

God so Loved the World

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord 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.**

The Deacon leads the prayers. The People respond with the words in bold.

Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live. Hear our prayers:

For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are hungry and thirsty this night, and for those who have too much, that we all may learn to share your generous gifts.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Officiant

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The People may add their own petitions or thanksgivings at this time.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

The 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.**

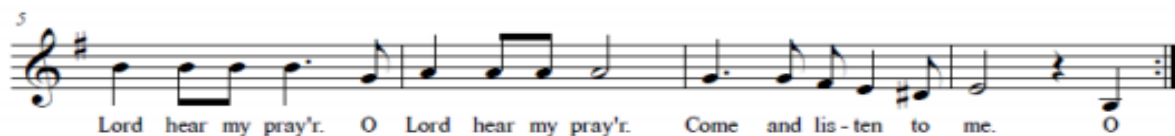
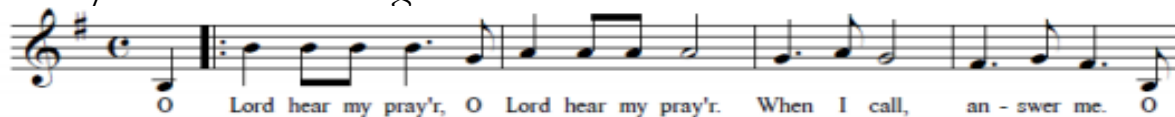
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

O Lord, hear my prayer

Taizé

The People are invited to sing at home.



As is traditional, after the altar is stripped and washed, and the elements are brought out from the Tabernacle, the service ends in silence. If you haven't been to our Outdoor Sanctuary yet to experience Outdoor Stations, the next few days are a good time for you to go keep watch with Jesus in the garden.

Worship Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Preacher

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors

Jean Campbell, Don Burr, Kate Jarvis

The Parish Choir

Visiting Organist

Thomas Williford

Calendar – April 1 – April 4

Thursday, **April 1**

7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Liturgy (Livestream)

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

Friday, **April 2**

12:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy (Livestream)

Saturday, **April 3**

9:00am

The Liturgy of Preparation (Zoom)

9:00pm

Communion at Home (Zoom)

Sunday, **April 4**

9:00-9:45am

Easter Sunday

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

9:45am

Festival Musical Prelude

10:00am

Festival Choral Eucharist (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.

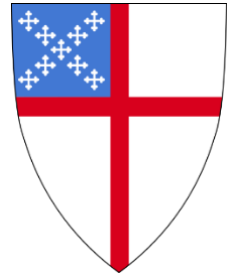
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here:

<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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