

Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Lessons & Carols
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 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.

Prelude

The Angels' Song

C.V. Stanford

Opening Hymn 100

"Joy to the World"

Antioch

The People are invited to sing at home.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and
heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
3 far as the curse is found, far
4 and won - ders of his love, and
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

Welcome & Bidding

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy:
a Savior is born to you. Alleluia.

People **Unto us a child is born. Alleluia.**

The Officiant continues

Dear People of God: In this Christmas season, let it be our joy and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for the Church in our country and in this town.

And because he particularly loves them let us remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns.’ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Collect

God of the prophets in every age: you send messengers of hope for the world. Strengthen us to live as faithful people who proclaim a present and future of joy and renewed life. **Amen.**

Carol - Hymn 107 “Good Christian friends, rejoice” In dulci jubilo

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save!

Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save!

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The Second Lesson

Luke 1:39-45

Mary ran to see her cousin Elizabeth who lived in the hill country. When she cried out, “Elizabeth, it’s so good to see you!” the baby in Elizabeth’s belly jumped up and down. Elizabeth all of a sudden was filled with the Holy Spirit and yelled, “You are so blessed, Mary! And the little one inside you is blessed as well. How God must love me to send the mother of my Lord to visit me. As soon as I heard your voice, this little guy inside me jumped up and down for joy. This is just as God said it would happen, and we are both so blessed to see things work out this way. God is good to us indeed.”

The Collect

God of surprises, you store up for us more good news than we can ask or imagine. Help us to keep our eyes open for the ways that you are at work in the world around us, and for the goodness you would have us help create in this world. You are good to us, indeed. And we are blessed by your love.

Amen.

Carol – Hymn 79 (vs 1-3)

“O little town of Bethlehem”

St. Louis

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The music is divided into four sections by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are numbered 1 through 5, with some numbers underlined or followed by an asterisk.

Section 1:

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath-ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won-drous gift is given!
 *4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless-ed Child,
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

Section 2:

1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 2 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-dering love.
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

Section 3:

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch-ing and faith holds wide the door,
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

Section 4:

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) Music: St. Louis, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

The Third Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

In order to count how many people there were so that he could tax them, the emperor told everyone to go their hometowns to be counted. So Joseph went with Mary, his fiancée, who was expecting a baby at any time, from Nazareth to Bethlehem. His family was descended from King David, and King David had lived in Bethlehem. While they were there, Mary delivered a baby boy, wrapped him up tight, and laid him in a feed trough in the barn where they were staying because the inns were all full.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of Mary: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Carol - Hymn 102 (vs 1 & 2) “Once in royal David’s city”

Irby

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

3 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 day like us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and
 own re - deem-ing love; for that child so dear and

6 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 help-less; tears and smiles like us he knew; and he
 gen - tle is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he

9 was that moth - er mild; Je-sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Savior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
 leads his chil-dren on to the place where he is gone.

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

Meanwhile, in the field, shepherds were watching their sheep during the night. All of a sudden an angel stood right in front of them, and God's glory was shining all around and they were scared to death. The angel told them not to be afraid because there was only good news. "This news is so good," the angel said, "that everyone will be happy. Today in the city of David, the Savior whom everyone's been waiting for was born. I want you to go find him. Here's how you'll know he's the right baby: He'll be lying in a feed trough all wrapped up in strips of cloth."

When the angel said that, the skies burst into song, and angels filled up the entire sky, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to those on earth whom God loves."

When the angels had gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and find this baby boy they were talking about." So they ran and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the feed trough, just as the angel had told them. They told Mary and Joseph what the angel had said about who this child was and would become. Everyone was amazed at their story. But Mary kept this entire story in her heart. The shepherds praised God for all that had happened that night, and went back to their sheep who had been wondering where the shepherds had gone.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Carol – Hymn 93 (vs 1-3)

Regent Square

“Angels from the realms of glory”

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The top staff uses soprano C-clef, the middle staff alto F-clef, and the bottom staff bass G-clef.

Refrain:

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scand - ing,

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: come and wor - ship,
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: na - tal star:
 ye have seen his shall ap - pear: come and wor - ship,
 in his tem - ple

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

The Fifth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Before there was anything, there was the *Word*, with God and in God. The *Word* was God! Everything there ever was in the whole universe came to life through the *Word*. In fact, there's nothing that the *Word* didn't make. Life came into being through the *Word*. That life lights up for all people to see. It shines in the darkness, and as you know, darkness cannot put out light.

John the Baptist was a man of God. He understood that Jesus was the light, and that Jesus was coming to be our savior. Some people didn't recognize that, but those who did, who let him shine his light into their hearts, had the power to become God's children.

And the *Word* actually became one of us, and lived here on earth with us. You and I have seen his glory, and he is filled with grace and truth.

John cried out in the desert, pointing to Jesus and saying, "He's the One. He's the One I've been talking about!" Because Jesus is filled with grace, all of us have more than our share of grace. In fact, we have been given grace upon grace upon grace. And even more grace than that.

The law given to Moses served its purpose; now grace and truth is serving its purpose through Jesus Christ. No one knows what God the Father looks like. Jesus, God's only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, is the one who makes God the Father known to us.

The Collect

O God, you make us glad with the yearly festival of the birth of your son Jesus Christ: grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes again in glory. **Amen.**

Carol - Hymn 82 (vs 1 & 2)

Divinum mysterium

“Of the Father’s love begotten”

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry

are, that have been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♩ ♩

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956), harm. Copyright ©1984, Bruce Neswick.
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Prayers of the People

As we join with shepherds and angels to celebrate with joy the birth of the Son of God, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation.

For all bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all who serve in the name of Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all believers who put their trust in the *Word* of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the poor, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Matthew, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Gracious God, Giver of all good gifts, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the whole world and brighten us all; we ask this in the Name that is above all other names, that of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

All stand for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

The Offertory

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Greensleeves, adapted by Rob Passow

Sung by all

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,____ God of Hope,____ God of Peace.

All cre - a - tion sings your praise, Ho - san - na in____ the high - est!

Bless - ed be____ the new - born King,____ God of Joy,____ God of Love,

Sent to us in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in____ the high - est!

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and Joseph, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

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 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.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 112

“In the bleak midwinter”

Cranham

Sung by all

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The top staff uses soprano clef, the second staff alto clef, the third staff tenor clef, and the bottom staff bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff.

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor__ earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What can I give him, poor__ as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra-phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow__ on__ snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise_ man, I would do my part;

the in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. Loving God,
People **We give you thanks for restoring us in your image and
nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and
Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we
may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Parish Announcements

The Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 87

Festgesang

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and bass clef. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the notes. The score is divided into four sections by vertical bar lines.

Section 1:

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Section 2:

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir-gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Section 3:

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

Section 4:

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Dismissal

Clergy Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher

Lectors

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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: *Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, Barrie, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Gene, Kathy, Bo, Geoff, 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 St. Mark's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol/Plainville. For soup kitchens and food pantries, and all ministries that feed those who go without

Weekly Calendar – December 27 – January 3

Sunday, December 27

9:00am

10:00am

The First Sunday after Christmas

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Lessons and Carols (Livestream))

Sunday, January 3

9:00am

10:00am

The Second Sunday after Christmas: Epiphany

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Holy Eucharist - Rite 2 (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.

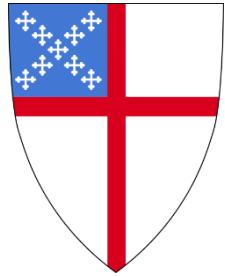
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here:

<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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