



Morning Prayer: Rite Two The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 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, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Lento from A Little Organ Book

Opening Hymn 450

Coronation

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

The People are invited to sing at home.





Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Officiant continues

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

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 Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant People

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Officiant and People say together

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; * therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, * but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; * death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; * but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, * and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, * by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Officiant People

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Psalm 23

The Choir chants the Psalm.



¹ The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

³ He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are

questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 8

The Song of Moses

Officiant and People say together

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; * the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; * Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; * your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *

the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.
The Lord shall reign * for ever and for ever.

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

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant and People say together

Splendor and honor and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

The Third Lesson

John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the sheep and runs away—and the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Musical Meditation

Reverie Wendy Kerner, Harp

H. Renie

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People say together

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting Amen.

The Prayers

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon Let us pray.

Deacon and People say together

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Deacon offers a series of prayers, the People respond with the words in **bold**.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

we pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially food, 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, Dann and for all those we now name [].
We pray for those we love and see no longer, especially [].
We commend to your mercy all who have died in the hope of the resurrection,
and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Gracious and loving God, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to behold your people, to relieve and comfort those around the world who are suffering from coronavirus. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, preserve them from the temptations of the enemy, and give them peace in their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the rest of their lives in favor and to your glory; and grant that they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for our blessings and thanksgivings, especially for the birthdays of Pam Ely and Heidi Murphy. **Amen.**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Hymn 645 St. Columba

The People are invited to sing at home.

"The King of love my shepherd is"



Words: Henry Williams Balor (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: St. Colomba, Irish mlody; harm. Hymnal 1982

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People say together

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People saying

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 God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

He is risen, he is risen!

The People are invited to sing at home.



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: Unser Herrscher, Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.**

Postlude

C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

Choral Prelude on Croft's 136th

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
Deacon The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors Paul Reis, Beth Baker, Sharon Pearson,

Samantha Trolice

Parish Choir

Visiting Organist Thomas Williford

Coffee Hour Hosts Pam Ely, Dodo Roberts

Facebook Greeter Pam Ely

<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, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton. Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy

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.

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!



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

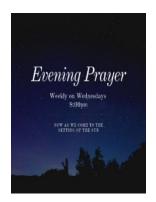
One of the pieces we miss most about worshipping together is actually **being together**. Join us in a Zoom room for Compline. This will allow us to see each other as we worship and it will allow us to connect for a few minutes afterwards, to talk to each other, to engage together on a deeper level - and we hope you'll try it with us!



Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

(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.

Weekly Calendar – April 25 – May 2

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)

11:30am Sunday Gospel Group Discussion (Zoom)

Monday, April 19

9:30am Sunday Gospel Group Discussion (Zoom)

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, May 2 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Coffee Hour (Zoom)

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

11:30am Sunday Gospel Group Discussion (Zoom)

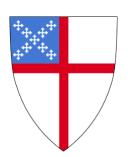
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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