



# **Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 21, 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.*

*In the season of Lent, our services are a little simpler and more solemn. There is less music and a more meditative tone. Please join us by singing and praying along.*

## + THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Cantabile

César Franck

### Opening Hymn 675

*Bourbon*

*The People are invited to sing at home.*

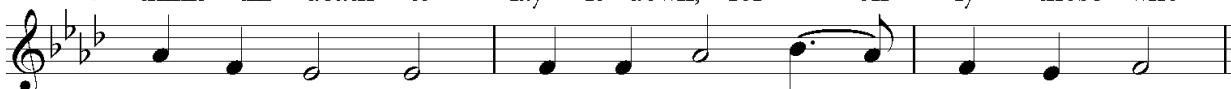
**“Take up your cross, the Savior said”**



1	Take	up	your	cross,	the	Sa - vior	said,	if
2	Take	up	your	cross,	let	not	its	weight
3	Take	up	your	cross,	heed	not	the	shame,
4	Take	up	your	cross,	then,	in	his	strength,
5	Take	up	your	cross,	and	fol - low	Christ,	nor



1	you	would	my	dis -	ci - ple	be;	take	up	your	cross	with
2	your	weak	spi -	rit	with	a -	larm;	his	strength	shall	bear
3	let	your	fool -	ish	heart	be	still;	the	Lord	for	you
4	calm -	ly	ev -	ery	dan -	ger	brave:	it	guides	you	to
5	think	till	death	to	lay	it	down;	for	on -	ly	those



1	will -	ing	heart,	and	hum -	bly	fol -	low	af -	ter	me.
2	spi -	rit	up,	and	brace	your	heart,	and	nerve	your	arm.
3	cept -	ed	death	up -	on	a	cross,	on	Cal -	vary's	hill.
4	bun -	dant	life	and	leads	to	vic -	tory	o'er	the	grave.
5	bear	the	cross	may	hope	to	wear	the	glo -	rious	crown.

*The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence of scripture.*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*I John 1:8, 9*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The Officiant and People say together*

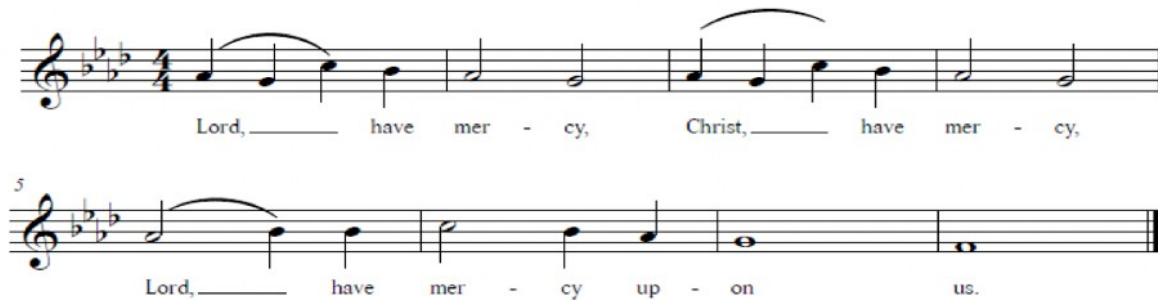
**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the 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.**

## Song of Praise – Kyrie eleison

*Sung by all*



## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*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 forever. Amen.**

*Officiant*

*People*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

*Officiant and People say together*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;**

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry  
land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*Officiant*

*People*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore him.**

## Psalm 147:1-12

*The Choir chants the Psalm.*



<sup>1</sup> How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup> The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

- <sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- <sup>9</sup> He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- <sup>10</sup> He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- <sup>11</sup> He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- <sup>12</sup> But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

## **The First Lesson**

## **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle 13

A Song of Praise

*Officiant and People say together*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## The Second Lesson

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

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 Third Lesson

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

## 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

*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.**

V: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R: **And grant us your salvation.**

V: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R: **Let your people sing with joy.**

V: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V: Let your way be known upon earth;  
R: **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten.  
R: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V: Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially for 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, Abbie, and for all those we now name [\_\_\_\_\_].

We pray for all 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. We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life, [especially for \_\_\_\_\_], and for those we now name (*the people are invited to offer their own thanksgivings*).

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to

enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 your favor and to your glory; and grant that they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

## **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 Celebrant blesses the people saying*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 142

*St. Flavian*

*The People are invited to sing at home.*

**“Lord, who throughout these forty days”**

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,  
5 A - bid with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.  
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bid.  
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **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.**

## Postlude

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 642

## **Worship Leaders**

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

*Deacon*

The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

*Lectors*

Kate Jarvis, Lindsay Wyman, Ella Wyman, Anne Newton,  
Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice

*The Parish Choir*

*Coffee Hour Hosts*

Dodo Roberts, Anne Newton

*Facebook Greeter*

Pam Ely

**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.***

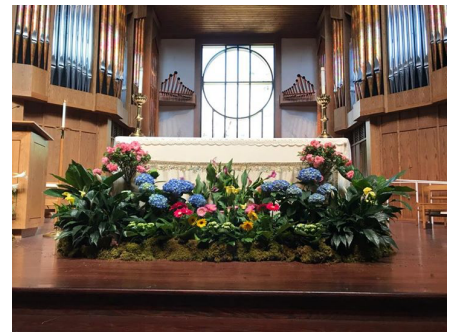
Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: *Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Linda, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Rich, Nancy, Ken, Barrie, Dawn, Donnie, David, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Petra, Doris, 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 Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; St. Monica's, Hartford. ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry and Donations & Bequests.

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## **Easter Flowers & Memorials**

At this time of year, it's our custom to give gifts in memory or in thanksgiving for the people we love. These gifts can come in the form of music, flowers, or a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to make a donation in honor of someone you love, please click here to visit the **donation page** on our website. *Please respond by Wednesday, 3/24 to have names included in the Easter bulletin or email Nancy at [office@stmatthewswilton.org](mailto:office@stmatthewswilton.org).*



## 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!



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## 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!



In a Zoom Room  
Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

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## 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.



## Weekly Calendar – March 21 – March 28

### Sunday, **March 21**

9:00am

9:00am

10:00am

### **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Morning Prayer – Rite 2 (Livestream)

### Monday, **March 22**

7:00pm

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

### Tuesday, **March 23**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

7:00pm

Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

9:00pm

Compline (Zoom)

### Wednesday, **March 24**

8:00pm

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

### Thursday, **March 25**

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

### Sunday, **March 28**

9:00am

### **Palm Sunday**

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

9:00am

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

10:00am

Morning Prayer – 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](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter).

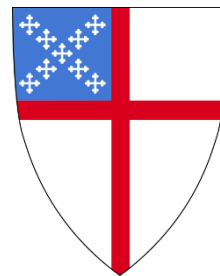
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

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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Jr. Warden	Pam Ely	Clerk	Anne Newton
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