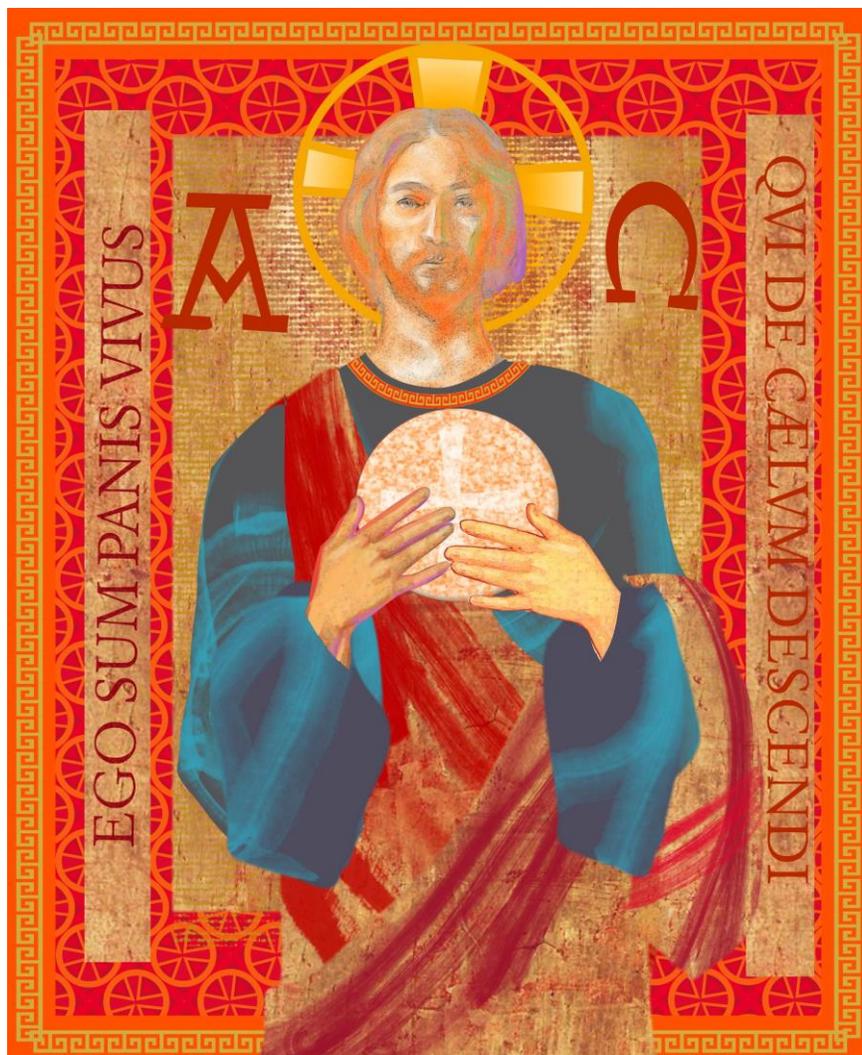


Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021
10:00am

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Aria and 6 Variations in G minor, P 196

Please stand as you are able.

Entrance Hymn 48

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

“O day of radiant gladness”

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

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.**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

The First Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor,

and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-13 *Miserere mei, Deus* sung by the Choir

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

² Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

⁵ And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

⁶ Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰ Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹ Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹² Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

¹³ Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we

must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 581 vv.1–3

CHESHIRE

“Where charity and love prevail”

The Holy Gospel

John 6:24-35

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

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Linda Spiers

The Nicene Creed

All standing, 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.

The Prayers of God's People

Kenya

The Intercessor begins, the People respond with the words in bold.

May the Bishops and leaders of our churches have wisdom and speak with one voice.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the leaders of our country rule with righteousness. Let us pray to the Lord.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May justice be our shield and defender. Let us pray to the Lord.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the country have peace and the people be blessed. Let us pray to the Lord.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the flocks and the herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes. Let us pray to the Lord.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the fields be fertile and the harvest be plentiful. Let us pray to the Lord.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May we and our enemies turn towards peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the love of God touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering, especially Bobby, Susan, Martin, Marge, Gordon, Courtney, Anderson, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Nancy, Ken, Dawn, 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 [_____]. Let us pray to the Lord.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May we come to that heaven you have planned for us with all the people we love but see no longer. Let us pray to the Lord.

Amen. Lord, hear our prayer.

May the path of the world be swept of all dangers. We lift our prayers to you.

Alleluia. The Lord of Mercy is with us.

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

The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant says the following prayer

Good and gracious God, who loves and delights in all people, we stand in awe before You, knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of your divine life. Differences among cultures and races are multicolored manifestations of Your Light. May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our siblings. We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in Your presence in our neighbor. May all peoples live in peace. **Amen.**

—adapted, Sisters of Mercy

The Confession

Then the Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant 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 Celebrant 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

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,

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn 343

ST. AGNES

“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”



Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St. Matthew's. Be part of God's mission with us as we make our way out of the COVID season and into the new life God promises. Visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering. Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People stand.

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 God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus *sung by the Choir*

setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People say together

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People say together

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by the ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. Please come forward socially distanced and in a single file line to the center where you will be given the bread with your hands open and extended or to receive a blessing (cross your arms across your chest). Let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your hands palms down. Once you have received the bread, please return to your pew with the bread in your hand; there you may slip the bread into your mouth under your mask. If you would like to have communion brought to you in your pew, please let an usher know.

Communion Hymn 321

ROCKINGHAM

“My God, thy table now is spread”

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Loving God, 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 Blessing

Celebrant The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 690

CWM RHONDDA

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

The Celebrant or the Deacon offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in G major, P 159

Pachelbel

Worship Leaders

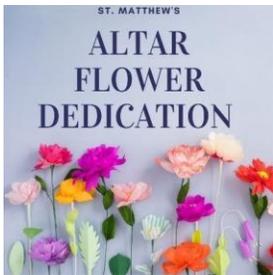
<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Linda Spiers
<i>Lector</i>	Adair Garis
<i>Intercessor</i>	Pam Ely
<i>Organist</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Coffee Hour Host</i>	Dodo Roberts
<i>Counters</i>	Chris Perry, Bruce Beebe

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: *Bobby, Susan, Martin, Marge, Gordon, Courtney, Anderson, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Nancy, Ken, 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 Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; St. Alban's, Simsbury; Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford; the Cathedral Chapter; honorary canons of our Cathedral.

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.



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Wilton Presbyterian Church are opening registration for summer VBS: *Compassion Camp - Changing The World With Lovingkindness*.

The practice of lovingkindness serves as the backbone for this year's theme. Lovingkindness is the utmost form of selfless love toward ourselves and others. The lovingkindness practice begins with focusing on self-compassion because once we have compassion for ourselves we can have compassion for others. This echoes Jesus' great commandment to love God and love your neighbor as yourself.

August 23-25 and 27 from 9-11am at WEPCO Complex.

Registration details are on the St. Matt's website. Cost: \$20/child \$50max/family

St. Matt's Open House **Sunday, August 22nd**

The Vestry and Staff will be conducting an Open House on Sunday, August 22nd, immediately after the 10am service, inviting folks from Wilton and surrounding communities to come see all the great things happening at St. Matthew's. Andrew will be here to show off his skills on the organ and to share his vision for our choirs. Sam will be sharing her vision for our youth and family ministries. Linda and the Vestry will be on hand to answer all other questions that folks may have. We will have the College Creamery truck and other refreshments to make this a wonderful hour of welcome to the broader community. ***Please help spread the word*** and invite a friend or new neighbor if you think they would enjoy learning more about St. Matthew's!

Weekly Calendar – August 1 – August 8

Sunday, **August 1**

9:00am

9:00am

10:00am

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Summer Church School (Zoom)

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Tuesday, **August 3**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

Sunday, **August 8**

9:00am

10:00am

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

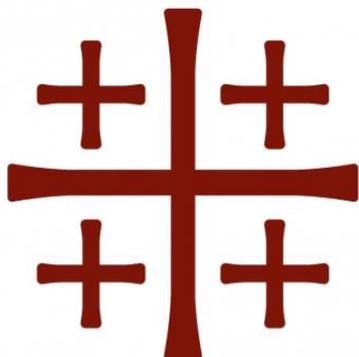
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Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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

Need something else? Send Brian Angerame or Pam Ely a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

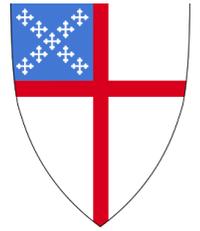


Please note a change to our summer worship schedule – for the month of August we will have one service at 10am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the sanctuary.

We will return to our regular 8am and 10am services in September.

Summer Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays 10am



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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