

# Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 15, 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 Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*Prelude in G major, BWV 550/I*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Entrance Hymn 420**

ENGELBERG

"When in our music God is glorified"

*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.**

**Gloria** *sung by the Choir*

*setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)*

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. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

## The First Reading

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked,

both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 111**      *Confitebor tibi*      *sung by the Choir*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup> His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

<sup>4</sup> He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup> He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

<sup>8</sup> They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## **The Second Reading**

## **Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Sequence Hymn 584**

CULROSS

“God you have given us power to sound”

## The Holy Gospel

John 6:51-58

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

*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*

One God, in Three Persons, creator of one human species, in many hues: all who pray to you are descendants of Adam and Eve, all members of one race called “human.” Forgive the blindness that causes our eyes to notice and magnify those things we regard as different from ourselves in others. Teach us to see clearly, that we, your children, are far more alike than we are different. Help us to put aside the racial prejudices embedded within us, and to see within every person the Child of God you created, our sibling, destined for Glory. In the name of One who died for all persons, of all colors, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*—adapted, Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia*

## **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 324**

PICARDY

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”



*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](http://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 David Hurd (b. 1950)*

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 309**

O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

“O Food to pilgrims given”

## **The Act of Reception**

Saint Augustine’s Prayer Book (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 345

ELLERS

“Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Fugue in G major, BWV 550/II

J.S. Bach

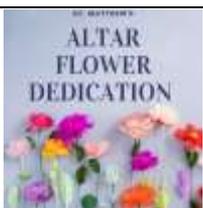
### Worship Leaders

<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Rev. Linda Spiers
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
<i>Lector</i>	Jean Campbell
<i>Intercessor</i>	Paul Reis
<i>Organist</i>	Andrew Leslie Cooper
<i>Coffee Hour Host</i>	Dodo Roberts
<i>Counters</i>	Andrea Sato, Bill Brautigam

**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 Fresh expressions of the church in Connecticut; missional experiments; Students preparing to enter schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries; school, college, and university chaplains; all campus ministries; the Higher Education Ministry Network.



**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](mailto:theangerames@gmail.com) with questions.

## VBS: August 23-25, 27



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

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### **St. Matt's Open House NEXT Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Vestry and Staff will be conducting an Open House on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 15 – August 22

Sunday, **August 15**

9:00am

10:00am

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

Tuesday, **August 17**

11:00am

Staff Meeting

Sunday, **August 22**

9:00am

10:00am

11:30am

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

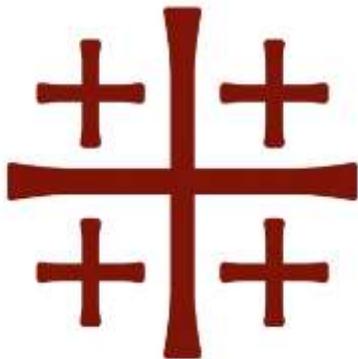
Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

St. Matt's Open House

**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 Brian Angerame or Pam Ely a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

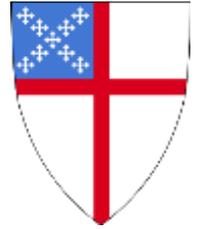


**Please note a change to our summer worship schedule – for the month of August we will have one service at 10am, Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the sanctuary.**

**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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## **Staff**

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Jr. Warden	Pam Ely	Clerk	Anne Newton
Treasurer	Keith DeAngelis		

## **The Vestry**

Vytas Kisielius	Pam Carlson	Joe Magnano
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