



**Saint Matthew's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Senior Sunday**  
**June 6th, 2021**  
**10:00 am**

*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.*

## **+ THE WORD OF GOD +**

### **Recognition of the Seniors**

Alex Cameron

Davis Cote

Roen Crameri

Emily D'Onofrio

Peter Groves

William Haljun

Charles Hastings

Christoper "Chip" Hulse

Michael "Mack" Kepner

Ian Kineon

Gabriel Koleszar

Matthew Koleszar

Margaret Likly

Jeremy Lucas

Cate Mathews

Mateo Morello

Samuel Ricketts

Brendan Sullivan

Christian Theoharides

Kristina Torkelsen

Elizabeth Williams

Ryan Witty

### **Opening Hymn**

*Officiant*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

*Psalm 43:3*

### **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 Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **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 for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People*

**Come let us adore him.**

*Officiant and People say together*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \***  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \***  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;**  
**go into his courts with praise; \***  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good;**  
**his mercy is everlasting; \***  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Officiant*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

*People*

**Come let us adore him.**

## **Psalm 138**

*The People respond with the words in bold.*

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple**  
**and praise your Name, \***  
**because of your love and faithfulness;**

<sup>3</sup> For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

<sup>4</sup> **When I called, you answered me; \***  
**you increased my strength within me.**

<sup>5</sup> All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**<sup>6</sup> They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**<sup>8</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**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 First Lesson**

**1 Samuel 8:4-11, 12-15, 16-20**

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle 12**

Invocation, The People of God, Doxology

*Officiant and People say together*

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson**

## **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

## The Third Lesson

Mark 3:20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

Samantha Trolice & Becky Hudspeth

**Anthem**



*Do not neglect to do good  
and to share what you have*



*for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*  
Hebrews 13:14, 15

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially Peter, Maddie, Courtney, Anderson, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Rich, 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 [\_\_\_\_\_].

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.

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

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

In every beginning is an ending, O Lord, and in every end something new begins. Our siblings will soon graduate from high school, and are ready now for new learning and experiences. Grant that childhood's innocence and hope may remain alive in them, bringing joy as they mature. Grant that they may hear your still small voice in their hearts saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Help them preserve old friendships while creating new ones. Grant that we who love them may help them to find their own voices, their own words, and their own work in Christ's true way, who knows the person they were created to be; we pray this in Jesus' 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**

## **A Prayer for our Seniors**

We pray this morning for all our Graduating Seniors.

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of other people, so that you may work tirelessly for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and poverty so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really can make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's help, to do what others claim cannot be done.

May God bless you with joy, with hope unbounded, with a life that is wild and wondrous, may the certainty that you are precious, that you are God's beloved, lead you to the path that is courageous, kind, and full. **Amen.**

*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.**

## **Closing Hymn**



TO THE SENIORS OF ST. MATTHEW'S

**CONGRATULATIONS,  
GRADUATES!**

**We also congratulate those we've heard have graduated from college!**

Ryan Carlson  
Jackson Cote  
Eliza Denious  
Sarah Magnano  
Brad Newton  
Steffen Nobles

**Worship Leaders**

*Officiant* The Rev. Deacon Don Burr  
*Preacher* Samantha Trolice and Becky Hudspeth  
*Lectors* Christian Theoharides  
*Ushers* Vestry members

**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: *Peter, Maddie, Courtney, Anderson, Vinny, Ann, Bruce, Melinda, Carolann, Rob, David, Jane, MaryAnn, Roy, Christine, Rich, 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 Zion, North Branford; St. John's, North Haven; St. Andrew's, Northford; Christ Church, Norwalk. Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community.



### **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.

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### **Explore Education for Ministry**

Seeking to study the Bible and how to apply it to your daily life?

**Education for Ministry (EfM)** helps us understand how we are called into relationship with God, neighbor, and creation wherever we are – at home, at work, in all the places we spend time. Sharon

Pearson, a certified EfM mentor facilitates the seminar that meets weekly, on Mondays from 7:00-9:30pm at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wilton (via Zoom this past academic year). Alongside reading the Bible, learn how to do theological reflection to understand how Scripture, our Christian tradition, our society/culture, and our stories can inform how we view God and live out our lives as people of faith. Currently there are seven participants from St. Matthew's Wilton, Christ & Holy Trinity Westport, and St. Mark's New Canaan in this group with openings for five more participants.



An **EfM Open House** will be held via *Zoom on Tuesday, June 8 from 7:30-8:30pm*. To learn more about the program in advance: <http://efm.sewanee.edu> or contact Sharon at [sharonepearson@gmail.com](mailto:sharonepearson@gmail.com) who can also share the Zoom link info with you.



## Weekly Calendar – June 6 – June 13

Sunday, **June 6**

8:00am

9:00am

9:00am

10:00am

11:30am

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning Prayer (In person)

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Senior Sunday: Morning Prayer (Livestream)

Sunday Gospel Group Discussion (Zoom)

Monday, **June 7**

9:30am

7:00pm

Sunday Gospel Group Discussion (Zoom)

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **June 8**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, **June 9**

8:00pm

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, **June 10**

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **June 13**

8:00am

10:00am

11:15am

11:45am

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Morning Prayer (In person)

Holy Eucharist, Baptism, Confirmation (Livestream)

Coffee Hour with Bishop Douglas (Zoom)

Vestry Meeting with Bishop Douglas

**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).

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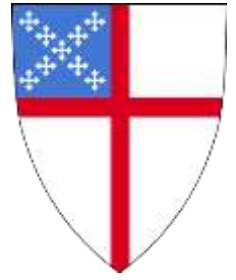
Need something else? Send Brian Angerame or Pam Ely a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.



## 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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