



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021
10:00 am

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. While we're online, these words will be led by someone on screen so that you can read and pray with them. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Find a comfortable place to sit. Kneel or stand for the prayers if you'd like. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Opening Hymn 371

Moscow

The People are invited to sing at home.

“Thou, whose almighty word”

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.

Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Then the Officiant says

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Song of Praise

Veni Creator Spiritus
Wendy Kerner, Harp

Gregorian Chant

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 our 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. Alleluia.

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 104:25-35, 37

The Choir chants the Psalm. The People are invited to sing at home.



²⁵ O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁶ Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

²⁷ There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

²⁸ All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

²⁹ You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

³⁰ You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

³¹ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³² May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

³³ He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

³⁴ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁵ May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

³⁷ Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is

only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle A

A Song of Wisdom

Officiant and People say together

**Wisdom freed from a nation of oppressors *
a holy people and a blameless race.
She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, *
withstood dread rulers with wonders and signs.
To the saints she gave the reward of their labors, *
and led them by a marvelous way;
She was their shelter by day *
and a blaze of stars by night.**

**She brought them across the Red Sea, *
she led them through mighty waters;
But their enemies she swallowed in the waves *
and spewed them out from the depths of the abyss.
And then, Lord, the righteous sang hymns to your Name, * and
praised with one voice your protecting hand;
For Wisdom opened the mouths of the mute, *
and gave speech to the tongues of a new-born people.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle P

A Song of the Spirit

Officiant and People say together

**“Behold, I am coming soon,” says the Lord,
“and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, ***

the beginning and the end.”
Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter the city through the gates.
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.
“I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.”
“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; *
“Come!” let each hearer reply!
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

The Third Lesson

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he

will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon April Alford-Harkey

Anthem

Harold W. Friedell

“Draw Us In The Spirit’s Tether”

*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.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially 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.

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.**

Meditation

Spirit Wind
Wendy Kerner, Harp

Scott Soper

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

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

Closing Hymn 347

Litton

The People are invited to sing at home.

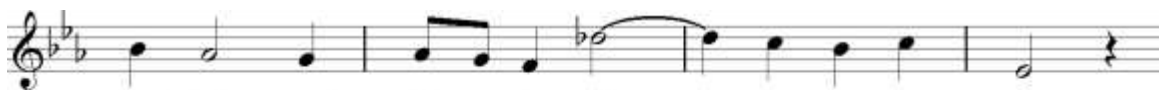
“Go forth for God; go to the world in peace”



1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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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

Worship Leaders

<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Deacon April Alford-Harkey
<i>Lectors</i>	Andy Gaillard, Brian Angerame, Kate Jarvis, Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice
<i>Parish Choir</i>	
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Pam Ely
<i>Facebook Greeter</i>	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: *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 St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London. Environmental ministry networks, eco-justice work; community gardens.

Altar Flower Dedications



You can celebrate or memorialize your loved ones with flower dedications. Let us know the date you would like and any colors or flowers you want (we will do our best) and the Flower Guild will make a beautiful vase arrangement and delivery to your home (local addresses only please). We will announce the dedication in church and on our social media. A \$75 donation is suggested.

Please email Jennifer Angerame at theangerames@gmail.com with questions.

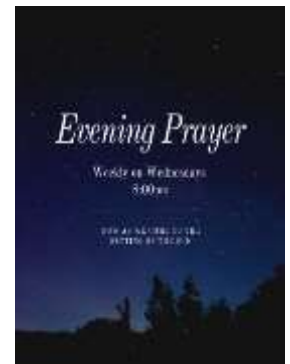
Join Us For Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9am

This fall, coffee hour returns in a slightly different form! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am. Gather with other parishioners for an hour before virtual worship at 10am. Bring your coffee or tea and spend some time connecting with all those faces you miss! To begin, Coffee Hour will be hosted each week by our Vestry members and Officers. As we move further into the year, there will be opportunities for others to host as well. As always, Zoom information will be shared in our e-News and will be posted in our [Parishioner Facebook Group](#). We can't wait to see you!



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.



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 who can also share the Zoom link info with you.

Join the Conversation – A Closer look at the Sunday Gospel

As an outgrowth of our 2020 Spiritual Inventory survey, the Renewal Works team is offering **two opportunities each week**, for parishioners to gather and discuss what we heard on Sunday in the Gospel and the Sermon. What jumped out at you? What confused you? How might it touch your day-to-day life? What did other parishioners hear?

This 6-week “drop-in” series (i.e., no homework!) will provide parishioners an opportunity to review the Gospel passage from Sunday and dig a little deeper into it. Starting at either **11:30am on Sundays**, or **9:30am on Mondays**, come with your coffee to explore what the Gospel is saying to each of us and how Marissa’s sermons add to our understanding. Two Renewal Works team members will facilitate the conversation each week to help guide our discussion. So, invite a friend and join us (virtually) for an hour of fellowship and exploration. The lectionary calendar which we will follow for our discussions is below:

~~Week 1 (April 25, 26): John 10:11-18~~

~~Week 2: (May 2, 3): John 15:1-8~~

~~Week 3: (May 9, 10): John 15:9-17~~

~~Week 4: (May 16, 17): John 17:6-19~~

Week 5: (May 23, 24): John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
(skip Memorial Day weekend)

Week 6: (June 6, 7): Mark 3:20-35

For more information, or if you have questions, you can reach out to Pam Carlson or Joe Magnano.

Weekly Calendar – May 23 – May 30

Sunday, **May 23**

8:00am

9:00am

9:00am

10:00am

11:30am

Pentecost Sunday

In-person Morning Prayer (SM courtyard)

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Morning Prayer (Livestream)

Sunday Gospel Group Discussion (Zoom)

Monday, **May 24**

9:30am

7:00pm

Sunday Gospel Group Discussion (Zoom)

Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, **May 25**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, **May 26**

6:00pm

8:00pm

Sacred Ground (Zoom)

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, **May 27**

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **May 30**

8:00am

9:00am

10:00am

Trinity Sunday

In-person Morning Prayer (SM courtyard)

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Morning Prayer (Livestream)

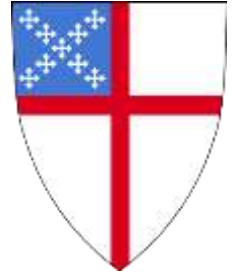
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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.

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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