



Morning Prayer: Rite Two The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 11, 2020 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, Jesus is present among us.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

C.V. Stanford (1852 - 1924)

Lento from Six Short Preludes and Postludes

Opening Hymn

The Cantor sings the verses. The People are invited to sing at home.



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The Officiant begins

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says Let us confess our sins to God.

The Officiant and People say together

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in

ourselves, and in the world you have created.

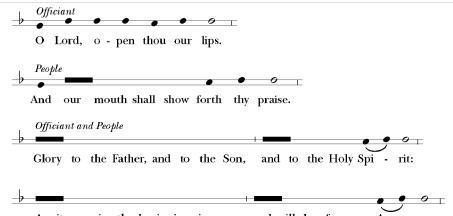
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest says

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

The Invitatory and Psalter



As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Officiant Let the peoples praise you, O God:

Let all the peoples praise you.

People

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of your countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

OfficiantPeopleLet the peoples praise you, O God:Let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 106

Sung by the Cantor

¹ Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *

for his mercy endures for ever.

- ² Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD * or show forth all his praise?
- ³ Happy are those who act with justice * and always do what is right!
- ⁴ Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, * and visit me with your saving help;
- ⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, * that I may glory with your inheritance.
- ⁶ We have sinned as our forebears did; * we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

- ¹⁹ Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb * and worshiped a molten image;
- ²⁰ And so they exchanged their Glory * for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- ²¹ They forgot God their Savior, * who had done great things in Egypt,
- ²² Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, * and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- ²³ So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, * to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The First Lesson

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and

said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-

necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.People Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ave Verum

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie, O Iesu, fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.

William Byrd (1543 - 1623)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Canticle L

A Song of Christ's Humility

The Cantor sings the verses.

Though in the form of God, * Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God, But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, * and was born in human likeness. Being found in human form, he humbled himself * and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him * and given him the name above every name, That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, * in heaven and on earth and under the earth, And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, * to the glory of God the Father.

The Third Lesson

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*People* Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Matthew 22:1-14

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Anthem

All we like sheep (Messiah)

Handel (1685 - 1759)

All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own Way. And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53: 6)

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



for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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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

OfficiantGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.OfficiantLet 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. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially Rich, Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Gene, and those we now name _____.

We pray for all those we love and see no longer, especially Andrew Headden and Jacques Lucas. 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.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious and loving God, our only help in time of need: We humbly ask you to behold your people, to relieve and comfort those around the world who are suffering from coronavirus. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, preserve them from the temptations of the enemy, and give them peace in their affliction. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the rest of their lives in your favor and to your glory; and grant that they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People say together Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Parish Announcements

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People saying

May God give you the grace to never sell yourself short; the grace to risk something big for something good; the grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. And may the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sustains be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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The Cantor sings verses 1,2, & 3. The People are invited to sing at home.

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

Allegro moderato from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn (1837 - 1847)

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach		
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr		
Lectors	Mark Gilmor, Katie Angerame, Brian Angerame,		
	Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice		
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	Dermot Kiernan, Jae Park, Brett McDermid		
Coffee Hour Hosts	Pam Ely, Dodo Roberts		
Facebook Greeter	Pam Ely		



Flowers The flowers are given in loving memory of John Settino, husband of Susan Settino.

<u>Prayer Requests</u> Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six weeks</u>. 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: *Rich, Gene, Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Patricia, Frank, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Charles Kennedy. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker and Matthew Comeau.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The 236th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, meeting virtually October 14-18.

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.

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!



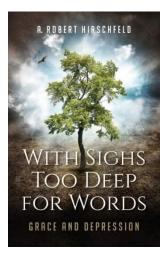
Link shared in e-news and our Parishioner Facebook Group

Join us in a Zoom room for Sung Compline -Tuesday nights at 9pm

This fall, we're going to try something new for Compline! One of the pieces we miss most about worshipping together is actually **being together.** So for the first part of the fall, we're going to try gathering in a Zoom room for Compline. This will allow us to see each other as we worship and it will allow us to connect for a few minutes

afterwards, to talk to each other, to engage together on a deeper level - and we hope you'll try it with us!

Fall Book Study with Don: Mental Health & Spirituality



This fall, Don will host a weekly Zoom gathering on Wednesday evenings to explore the new book, <u>With Sighs Too Deep for Words</u>, by Bishop Robert Hirschfeld, the Bishop of New Hampshire. We'll meet at 7pm for about 60 minutes of informal conversation to unpack the questions at the conclusion of each chapter. Zoom links will be in our e-news as well as in our Parishioner Facebook Group. The book is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon and Church Publishing *www.churchpublishing.org/withsighstoodeepforwords* Questions? Send Don a note <u>don@stmatthewswilton.org</u>

September 23, September 30, October 7, October 21, October 28

Upcoming Church School and Youth Group Dates (Zoom)

Youth Group: October 18 - 6-7:00pm – High School Joint Youth

Church School Zoom Sessions: *please note grade adjustments* September 27 - 9-9:30am – Grades 3-5 October 4 - 9-9:30am – Grades K-2 October 11 - 9-9:30am – Grades 3-5



Arts at St. Matthew's 2020-2021 Digital Concert Series

Bringing you the very best in at-home concert programing via Zoom. *The Arts at St. Matthew's* and OpusYou are proud to present a



new Digital Concert Series to Home Audiences, at scheduled times throughout the year. Each approximately 50-minute concert on Zoom has as its core a work by a composer and brings you the world's greatest artistic talent that includes musicians from Orchestra Europa, the London Symphony Orchestra, and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <u>https://www.stmatthewswilton.org/arts</u>



Convention Worship - Sunday, October 18th

On Sunday, October 18th, we will worship virtually with the rest of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. Worship will be broadcast at 10:00am on YouTube. And we hope that you'll join in this statewide worship for all Episcopalians. You'll have a chance to experience worship in a new way and to hear from our Bishops. So we will not have a St. Matt's service that day, and we very much hope that you will join with Episcopalians across the state for this special, unifying experience.

Then we'll gather for a special Coffee Hour after worship for any who want to connect and talk about the experience of worshiping with ECCT.

Convention worship at 10:00am. Coffee Hour at 11:30am.

Links will be shared in the e-news and in our Parishioner Facebook Group. If you're not a member of that group yet, you just need to ask to join!

RenewalWorks: Spiritual Life & Growth



If life is a spiritual journey, where are you?

Where is your congregation?

Where do you feel called to go?

How will you get there from here?

St. Matthew's will participate in a program called RenewalWorks this fall. Run by Forward Movement, RenewalWorks is an opportunity for us to dive deeply into our spiritual life, to understand where we are, and where God is calling us to go.

We are asking that you set aside about 20-25 minutes to take a Spiritual Life Inventory. If you already have a daily spiritual practice, you might consider this your spiritual practice for the day. These are thoughtful questions. Unlike previous surveys, this survey focuses on you, on your spiritual life and how St. Matt's helps - or could help more - as you grow spiritually. Please answer as honestly as you can, thinking about where you are now, not

where you think you *should* be or what you think you *should* be doing or feeling. The survey findings will help shape decisions about how to create the best possible ministries and programs. Your feedback will directly impact how we allocate resources to further our spiritual journeys. Your participation is important and so we thank you for setting aside the time to take the inventory. To get an accurate picture of our church, we need everyone to participate.

We look forward to taking the next steps in growing our faith together. The first step is to take the inventory. If this survey brings up questions for you, or if there's anything you want to talk more about that relates to your own journey, please send Marissa a note marissa@stmatthewswilton.org If you have further feedback about specific ideas or programming, if something comes up that you'd like to share about the survey or the process, feel free to be in touch with Marissa or with our Facilitator for this work, Pam Ely cdwilton@optonline.net

For more information and to access the survey, please go to the St. Matt's website <u>www.stmatthewswilton.org</u>

Weekly Calendar – October 11 – October 18

Sunday, **October 11** 9:00am 10:00am

Monday, **October 12** 7:00pm

Tuesday, **October 13** 11:00am 9:00pm

Wednesday **October 14** 8:00pm

Thursday, **October 15** 3:20-4:50pm 7:30pm

Sunday, **October 18** 9:00-9:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm **The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Coffee Hour (Zoom) Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Education for Ministry class (Zoom)

Staff Meeting (Zoom) Compline (Zoom & Livestream)

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Church School K-5th Grade (Zoom) Convention Worship (YouTube) Coffee Hour (Zoom) Joint High School Youth Group (Zoom)

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 Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

Next Week: Worship online again with St. Matthew's

There are many ways to connect with St. Matt's in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.



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