



**Saint Matthew's**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**May 30, 2021**  
**10:00am**

*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 525

*Aurelia*

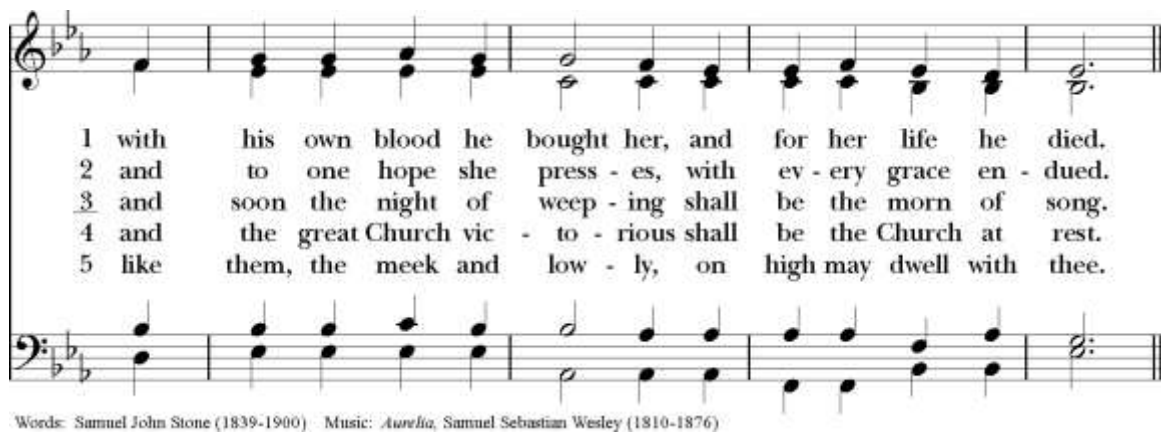
*The People are invited to sing at home.*

#### "The Church's one foundation"

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



*The Officiant says*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

*Revelation 4:8*

## **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 29

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



<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.

<sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The First Lesson

## Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle N

## A Song of God's Love

*Officiant and People say together*

**Beloved, let us love one another, \*  
for love is of God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God, \*  
for God is Love.**

**In this the love of God was revealed among us, \*  
that God sent his only Son into the world,  
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

**In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \*  
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much, \*  
we ought also to love one another.**

**For if we love one another, God abides in us, \*  
and God's love will be perfected in us.**

## The Second Lesson

## Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*  
our trespasses and our humiliations.  
Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*  
his blessed wisdom and love.  
He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly  
when we are in greatest need; \*  
he raises us in spirit  
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.  
God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*  
God is the true father and mother of natures.  
We are all bound to God by nature, \*  
and we are all bound to God by grace.  
And this grace is for all the world, \*  
because it is our precious mother, Christ.  
For this fair nature was prepared by Christ  
for the honor and nobility of all, \*  
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.**

**The Third Lesson****John 3:1-17**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born



of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

**Meg Stapleton Smith**

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



*for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*  
Hebrews 13:19, 25

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Thank you for your faithfulness!

## **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 and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us

steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, 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.**

## **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;**

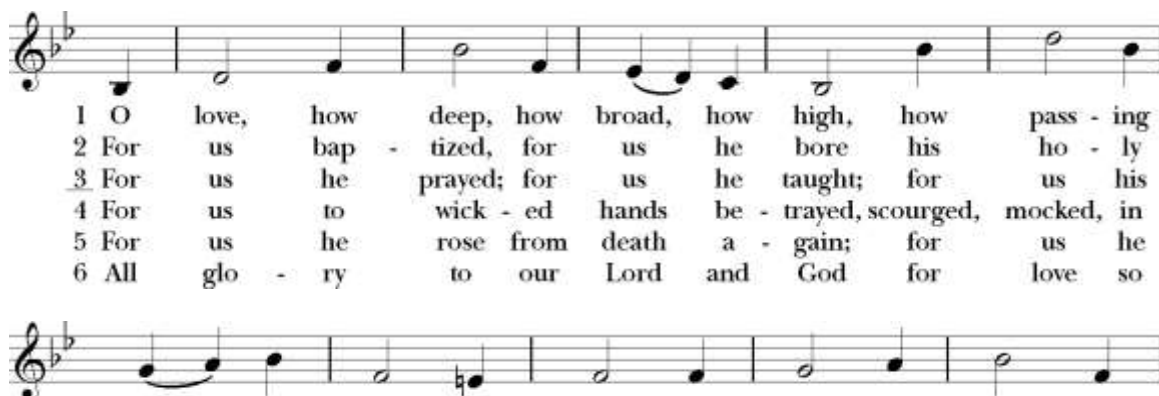
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with  
 truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness 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.

## Closing Hymn 448


*Deus tuorum militum*

*The People are invited to sing at home.*

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom  
 1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphones* 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.;  
 harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

*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.**

## Postlude

### Worship Leaders

<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
<i>Preacher</i>	Meg Stapleton Smith
<i>Lectors</i>	Beth Baker, Pam Ely, Amy Gubner, Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice
<i>Visiting Organist</i>	Thomas Williford
<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. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; St. John's, Niantic. Those communicating God's Word, digital ministry, online social networks and communities.

## 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.



## Join Us For Coffee Hour – Sundays at 9am

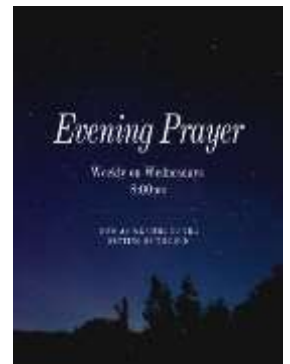
This fall, coffee hour returns in a slightly different form! Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am. Gather with other parishioners for an hour before virtual worship at 10am. Bring your coffee or tea and spend some time connecting with all those faces you miss! To begin, Coffee Hour will be hosted each week 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!



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## 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 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 30 – June 6

Sunday, **May 30**

8:00am

9:00am

10:00am

**Trinity Sunday**

In-person Morning Prayer (SM courtyard)

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Morning Prayer (Livestream)

Monday, **May 31**

**Memorial Day**

Tuesday, **June 1**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, **June 2**

8:00pm

Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday, **June 3**

7:30pm

Online Adult & Youth Choir rehearsal

Sunday, **June 6**

8:00am

9:00am

9:00am

10:00am

11:30am

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

In-person Morning Prayer (SM courtyard)

Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Church School Grades K-5 (Zoom)

Morning Prayer (Livestream)

Sunday Gospel Group Discussion (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](http://www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter).

Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here:

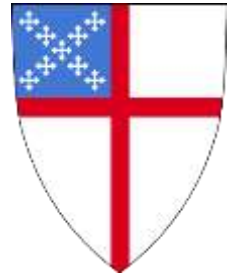
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/>

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

## 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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