



Class of 2024

Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Senior Sunday
June 9, 2024
10:00 am

# Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

## Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

# Recognition of the Seniors

Owen Abrahamsen Morgan Breakey

Ella Breitenbach Colin Gilmor

Drew Lane Addison Pattillo

Anna-Kate Reis Owen Theoharides

Catherine Walsh

# + THE WORD OF GOD +

**Prelude** 

Florence Price (1887-1953)

A Pleasant Thought

The hymns can be found in the blue hymnals. Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn 594

CWM RHONDDA

"God of grace and God of glory"

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant and People say together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gloria

sung by all

setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit,



# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.** 

The congregation may be seated.

# The First Reading

# 1 Samuel 8:4-20-11:14-15

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."

Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

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

# chant by Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941) sung by the choir

- <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.

# The Second Reading

# 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.

Please stand as you are able.

Children may proceed to the narthex for Godly Play at the beginning of the hymn.

# Sequence Hymn 691

**OLIVET** 

"My faith looks up to thee"

# The Holy Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

## The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People say together

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

The People respond with the words in bold.

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Intercessor Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, for our Bishops, Jeff and Laura, for Marissa, our Rector, for our Officers and Vestry, and for all who worship and minister in this place. Light your fire within us, that by the power of your Spirit we may spread

your good news to the ends of the earth. Loving God,

People Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the

common good. Loving God,

People Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we

may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your

honor and glory. Loving God,

People Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we

may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the Class of

2024 graduating seniors and those we now name: \_\_\_\_\_

(The people are invited to offer their own intercessions either silently or aloud).

Loving God,

People Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Judy, Karen, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Aaron, Kathy, Arlene, Jack, Joan, Liz, Jack, Maddie, Scott, Melinda, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Loving God,

People Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Loving God,

People Fill us with your Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud. Silence may be kept.

# The Celebrant says the following prayer

Dear Lord, rescue us from the injustice we suffer and from the injustice we inflict. Clear our minds of all negative thoughts, free from all racial injustice that may cause us bondage. Please, Lord, break every chain. Help us to all live in peace and see each other as equals as well as brothers and sisters in Christ. **Amen**.

—Dominique Wilson-Porter, Washington Hill United Methodist Church, Chattanooga, TN

## Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## The Confession

Then the Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People say together

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your
will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## The Celebrant says

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

Please stand as you are able.

## The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# + THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation may be seated.

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

# **Offertory Anthem**

John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at mine end and in my departing.

# The Offering

Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St.

Matthew's. If you're with us in person, the Ushers will pass plates.

If you've joined us online, you can use this QR code or visit www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering. You can designate it as a gift or as a part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation. Be a part of God's mission with us today and in the future as we seek to love and serve our neighbors, to heal each other and the world, to share the joy and good news we've found in Jesus.

Please stand as you are able.

**Doxology at the Presentation** sung by all THE OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.

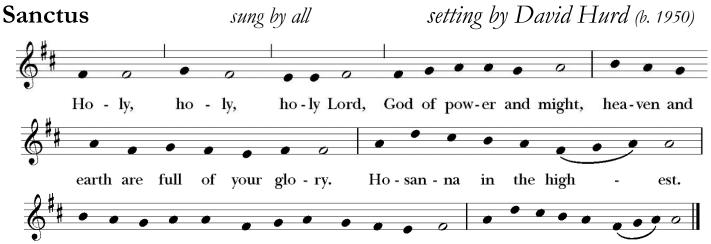
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

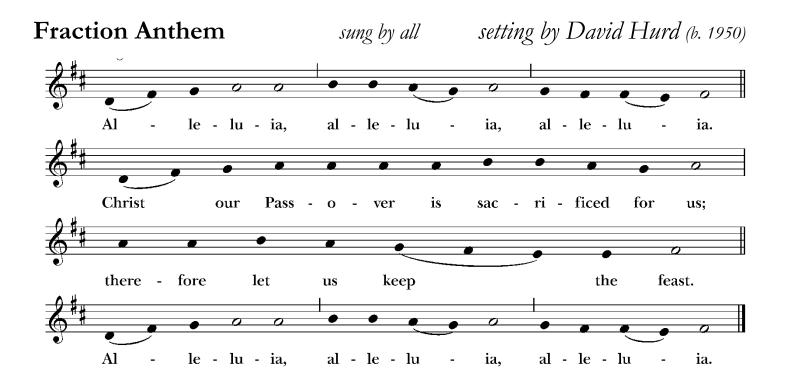
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, *Celebrant and People* 

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.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. Please wait for the ushers and follow their instructions. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. You may then choose to drink from the silver chalice to your left or intinct (dip the wafer in the wine) in the clay chalice to your right. If you do not wish to receive wine, simply pass the cup, and make your way back to your seat. We believe Jesus is fully present in both the bread and the wine, so if you receive the bread, you have participated fully in communion. Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an usher know.

Creating God, your fingers trace

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space; let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold; let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race; let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names; let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

Please kneel or sit to sing.

# Communion Hymn 304

LAND OF REST

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

### The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2<sup>nd</sup> ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

# Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Parish Announcements**

# The Blessing of the Seniors

# The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.** 

# Recessional Hymn 410

LAUDA ANIMA

"Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

# **Bagpipes**

**Worship Leaders** 

Celebrant & PreacherThe Rev. Marissa RohrbachEucharistic MinistersAnne Newton, Pam ElyLectorsPaul Reis, Colin Gilmor

Intercessor Anna-Kate Reis

Music Director Andrew Leslie Cooper

Choir St. Matthew's Church Choir Altar Guild Setsy Pettit, Joy Ruterman

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: Judy, Karen, Kristen, Vinny, Antonio, Thomas, Aaron, Kathy, Arlene, Jack, Joan, Liz, Jack, Maddie, Scott, Melinda, and Presiding Celebrant Michael Curry. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Norwalk; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Northford; Episcopal Rainbow, Trans Episcopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, and those who serve the LGBTQ+ community.



# **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

The Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Celebrant



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SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024 ~ 4:00PM

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# Weekly Calendar – June 9 – June 16

Sunday, June 9 The Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

10:15am Godly Play

11:30am Senior Sunday Celebration & Parish Picnic

Monday, June 10

7:30pm Education for Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 11

11:00am Staff meeting

Thursday, June 13

7:30-9:00pm St. Matthew's Church Choir rehearsal

Sunday, June 16 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am Holy Eucharist – Rite 2 (In person & Livestream)

10:15am Godly Play
11:15am Coffee Hour

4:00pm EFM Graduation Service

Need to sign up for the e-news? It's easy – just go to <a href="www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter">www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter</a>.

Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group?

Go here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/StMatthewsOnline/</a>

Need something else? Send Marissa a note or be in touch with another member of the staff.

## Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am



Please keep an eye on our website and social media as well as our e-news. There you'll find information and opportunities to connect for friends and members of all ages.

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