



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Diapason Movement

John Keeble (1711 - 1786)

Opening Hymn

St. Kevin

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

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The Officiant continues

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

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 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

Officiant
O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.

People
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

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

Officiant
Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Officiant and People say together

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, * by a man has come also the
resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Officiant
Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People
Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

The Cantor leads the Psalm, the People are invited to sing the verses in bold.



¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my / supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I / called upon him.

² **The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took / hold of me; *
I came to / grief and sorrow.**

³ Then I called upon the Name of the / Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, / save my life."

¹⁰ **How shall I repay the / Lord *
for all the good things he has / done for me?**

¹¹ I will lift up the cup of / salvation *
and call upon the Name / of the Lord.

¹² **I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord *
in the presence of / all his people.**

¹³ Precious in the sight of the / Lord *
is the death / of his servants.

¹⁴ **O Lord, I am your / servant; *
I am your servant and the child / of your handmaid;**

¹⁵ I will offer you the sacrifice of / thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name / of the Lord.

¹⁶ **I will fulfill my vows to the / Lord *
in the presence of / all his people.**

¹⁷ In the courts of the Lord's / house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem./ Hallelujah!

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 11

The Third Song of Isaiah

Officiant and People say together

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, *

ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 17

The Song of Simeon

Officiant and People say together

**Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Third Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have

declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Musical Meditation

Sung by the Adult Choir

Vruchten

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in
vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en.

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Music: *Vruchten*, melody from *Psalmen*, 1685, harm. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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 Deacon offers a series of prayers, the People respond with the words in bold.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We pray for all who are sick and in need of our prayers, especially Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Steve, Kim, Katie, Brooke, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Richard, Mary Lou, Ellen, Charles, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Margaret, Fred, Bo, and for all those we now name [_____].

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

favor and to your glory; and grant that they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God who is the Source of Life, be with all those who care for the needs of the sick and the dying. Be present with first responders who risk their own lives to save ours. Support our doctors, nurses, and all those who work within our healthcare systems. Protect all those in our community who facilitate our life and meet our needs. Make us, we pray, more than grateful for their service, teach us to be mindful of the needs of others and draw us more fully into your work in the world. **Amen.**

We pray for all those we love and see no longer, especially for Kim Hughes, for Rhoda Fisher, mother of Dodo Roberts, and for Joan Hopkinson Harden, aunt of Pam Ely. 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.**

O Lord, hear my prayer

Taizé

The Cantor sings the verses 3 times. The People are invited to sing at home.

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O

5
Lord hear my pray'r. O Lord hear my pray'r. Come and lis - ten to me. O

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


Beloved, life is short. And we do not have enough time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love. And make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Festival Canticle

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

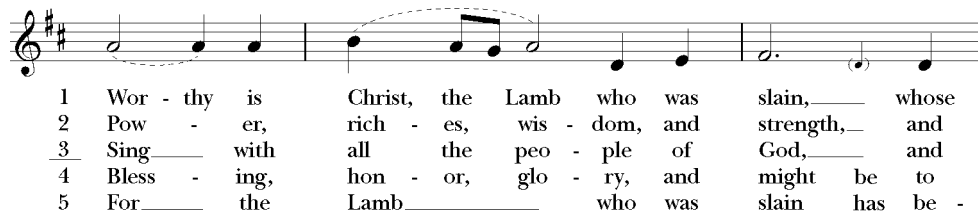
Antiphon



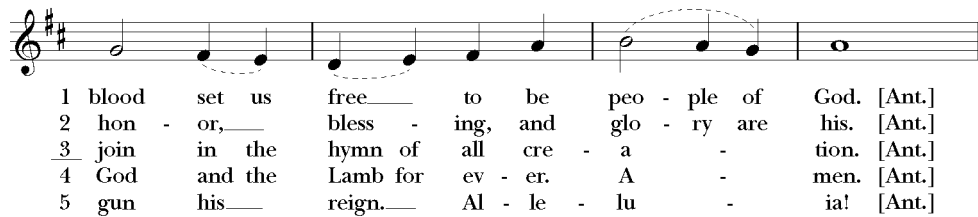
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



1 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
 2 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
 5 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

Voluntary in G

Henry Heron (18th century)

Worship Leaders

Officiant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Deacon The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors Vytas Kiselius, Paul Reis, Katie Angerame, Brian Angerame,
Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice

Artist in Residence Scott Ellaway

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: *Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Steve, Kim, Katie, Laura, Petra, Laine, Brooke, Doris, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Margaret, Fred, Bo, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, Ellen Maxwell, Charles Kennedy, and Kirk Tenant. For those serving in the military, Jake Walker, Matthew Comeau, and Joshua Holcombe.*

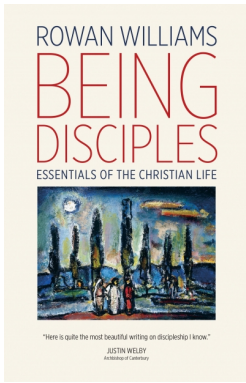
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton. Parishes in transition, transition teams, and interim clergy.

Save the Date: Parish Update Sunday, May 3rd

As we did regularly last year, we're planning an update from the Vestry, Officers, and Rector in the spring. **Join us at 2pm on Sunday, May 3rd in a Zoom room to hear from Clergy, Staff, and Officers about the current state of the parish.** We'll share some information about our life together, particularly in light of COVID-19, and answer any questions you might have.



Save the date! Zoom information will be shared via our newsletter & Parishioner Facebook Group as the date approaches.



Our virtual book group continues today as we discuss *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams, 104th Archbishop of Canterbury. The book is available on Amazon & Kindle. Join us on Sundays in a Zoom Room from 11:30-1:00pm.

4/19 when we'll discuss chapters 1 & 2
4/26 when we'll discuss chapters 3 & 4
5/3 when we'll discuss chapters 5 & 6

Zoom information will be in our e-news as the days approach as well as in our Parishioner Facebook Group.

Join us on Mondays from 10:00-11:30am for Virtual Coffee hour.



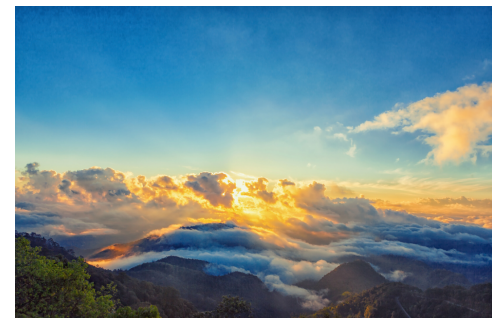
No schedule, no program, just a chance to be together. Zoom in when you can, leave when you're ready. Come see some familiar faces and spend time together. All are welcome.

Zoom information is posted in our Parishioner Facebook Group as well as listed in our newsletter.

Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 9am on Facebook Live

Meg started us off with Morning Prayer on Facebook Live on Wednesday mornings at 9am. For the rest of this wilderness time, log onto Facebook at 9am on Wednesday mornings and join someone for Morning Prayer.

All you have to do is [visit our Facebook page](#). Morning Prayer begins on page 79 of the [Book of Common Prayer](#).

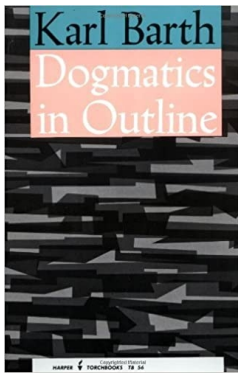


Now it's your turn to sign up to lead. Need to learn how? We can help!

[Send a note to Nancy](#), our Parish Administrator, for more information about training & signing up to lead Morning Prayer.

Have tea with Don on Wednesday!!

Join Don in a Zoom room for a cup of tea and time together. Go to Zoom.us, click "Join A Meeting" and enter Meeting ID: 914 7013 0972. Remember that when you're asked for a password, all of our Zoom rooms use the same one: 06102018



A Message from Marissa: Reading Barth Together

On Tuesdays in May, there will be an opportunity to participate in an online learning experience that is **not affiliated with St. Matt's**. Stanley Hauerwas and Will Willimon will be engaging together in a Zoom room explaining and exploring the work of Karl Barth. Those three names merit some introduction. The theological lenses of Barth and Willimon are rather different from ours as Episcopalians. But Hauerwas is close to a traditional, faithful Anglican lens. There is a lot to learn here, if you're able to follow along. If you decide to listen in, please **send me a note** and let me know. If there's a group of us, we can schedule a time to debrief and check in about the series. More information about this opportunity is on our website.

Weekly Calendar – April 26 – May 3

Sunday, **April 26**

10:00am

11:30am

4:00pm

The Third Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Being Disciples – Virtual Book Group (Zoom)

Joint High School Youth Group (Zoom)

Monday, **April 27**

10:00am

Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Tuesday, **April 28**

11:00am

4:00pm

9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

8th Grade Joint Youth Group (Zoom)

Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Wednesday, **April 29**

9:00am

4:00pm

4:30pm

7:00pm

Morning Prayer (FB Live)

6th-8th Grade St. Matt's Youth (Zoom)

Matt & Me for Tea with Don (Zoom)

Vestry Meeting

Thursday, **April 30**

2:30-4:00pm

4:00pm

7:30pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

9th-12th Grade St. Matt's Youth (Zoom w/Sam)

Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Sunday, **May 3**

10:00am

11:30am

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Being Disciples – Virtual Book 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.

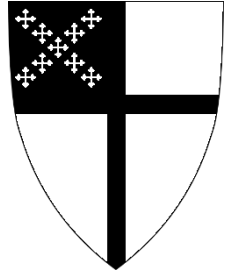
Need to join the Parishioner Facebook Group? Go here:

<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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