



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**A Preparation Rite
Holy Saturday
April 11, 2020
9:00am**

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you came to worship with us.

If you are visiting us, if you have questions, or if you are in need of assistance, please be in touch with the Rector via email: marissa@stmatthewswilton.org. Everything you need to participate in worship is in this worship bulletin.

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.

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

*On Saturday morning, as we wait in the absence of Jesus, this short liturgy helps us to prepare. The People should sit comfortable near their home altar. There are instructions for additions at the end of this service. The People are invited to respond with the words in **bold**.*

The Officiant begins

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that, as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on the holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Job 14:1-14

'A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble,
comes up like a flower and withers,
flees like a shadow and does not last.

Do you fix your eyes on such a one?

Do you bring me into judgement with you?

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?

No one can. Since their days are determined,
and the number of their months is known to you,
and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass,

look away from them, and desist,
that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

‘For there is hope for a tree,
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that its shoots will not cease.

Though its root grows old in the earth,
and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud
and put forth branches like a young plant.

But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they?
As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up,
so mortals lie down and do not rise again;

until the heavens are no more, they will not awake
or be roused out of their sleep. O that you would hide me in Sheol,
that you would conceal me until your wrath is past,
that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait
until my release should come.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Then follows

Psalm 130

The People read the words in bold.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

**O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

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.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:1-8

Since Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Third Lesson

John 19:38-42

Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

The Officiant begins

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy and merciful Savior,
deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People kneel as they are able for the prayers.

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.**

Then the Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Worship Leaders

Officiant: The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Lectors: Pam Ely, Mike O'Connell, Anne Newton

People: Sharon Pearson, Mike Kaelin

Holy Week Worship & Music Schedule – April 5-April 12

Holy Saturday, April 11

Preparation Rite at 9am (Livestream)
Live Broadcast: Four Last Songs at 3pm

Easter Sunday, April 12

Music Prelude from 9:30-10am (Livestream)
Easter Worship at 10am (Livestream)

All Livestream worship can be found on our website:
www.stmatthewswilton.org/live



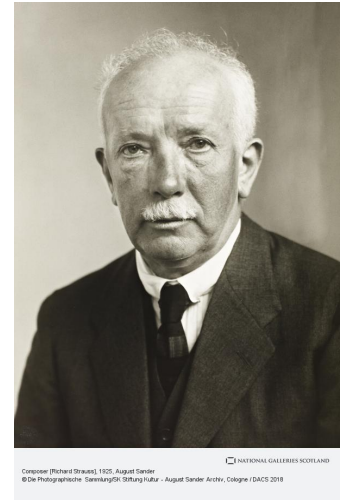
From Artist in Residence, Scott Ellaway Live Broadcasts during Holy Week

Equally committed to artistic excellence, providing quality programming to the local community, St. Matt's has commissioned international conductor Scott Ellaway to create three online programs that are scheduled to go out live during Holy Week. Each program, lasting twenty-five minutes, will focus on the Four Last Songs by Richard Strauss. Each song will be explored in turn, a performance, followed by a question and answer session for those attending online who wish to participate.

The dates that have been selected are:

Palm Sunday, April 5, 3pm EST
Maundy Thursday, April 9, 3pm EST
Holy Saturday, April 11, 3pm EST

The live broadcast will go out from this page:
<https://opusyou.com/cinematic-broadcast/strauss-four-last-songs>.



St. Matt's -Virtually

Does it feel like there's a lot going on at St. Matt's? That's because there is!

If you need information on an online program, we're piling up opportunities for worship, connection, and exploration on this website:

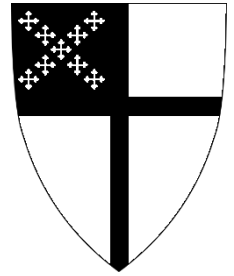
www.stmatthewswilton.org/virtually.

You can always go there to look for news about what's happening!



Worship online 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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