



Morning Prayer: Rite Two The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10, 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 +

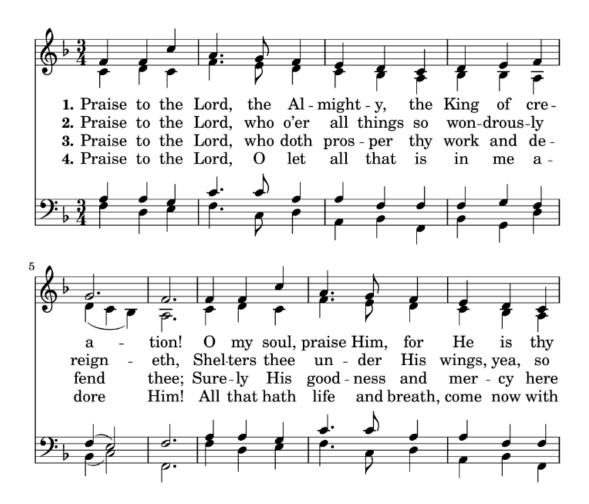
## Prelude Three Interludes

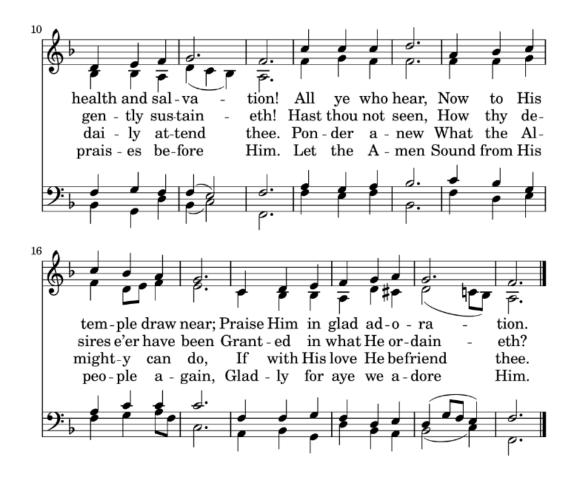
Starling Goodwin (18th century)

## **Opening Hymn**

Lobe den Herren

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





Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### The Officiant continues

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24

#### **Confession of Sin**

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

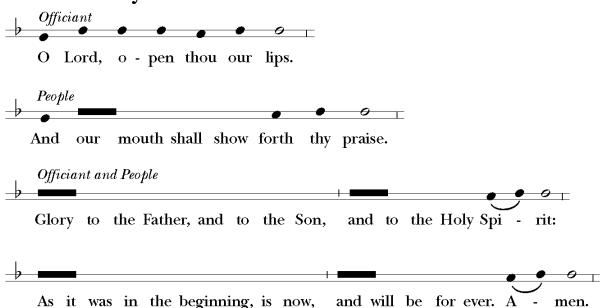
The Officiant and People say together

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 People

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **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 the 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.

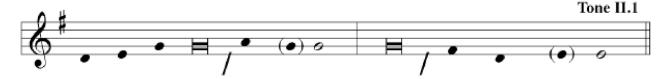
Christ has been raised from the dead, \*
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death, \* by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, \*
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Officiant People

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.** 

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

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



- <sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to / shame; \* deliver me / in your righteousness.
  - <sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to / me; \* make haste / to deliver me.
- <sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my / stronghold; \* for the sake of your Name, lead / me and guide me.
- <sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for / me, \* for you are my / tower of strength.
  - <sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my / spirit, \* for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O / God of truth.
  - <sup>15</sup> My times are in your / hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who / persecute me.
  - <sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your /servant, \* and in your loving-kindness / save me.

The First Lesson Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Canticle 12

Invocation, Cosmic Order, Doxology

Officiant and People say together

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him forever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \* O heavens and all waters above the heavens.

Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \* all winds and fire and heat.

Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \* drops of dew and flakes of snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, \* praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

#### The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

#### Canticle 18

A Song to the Lamb

Officiant and People say together

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, \*
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship ad praise, dominion and splendor, \*
for ever and for evermore.

The Third Lesson

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

## The Offertory

## Sung by the Adult Choir



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



for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:14, 15

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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

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, 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 Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Frank, 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 longe	er, lespecially	j. we
commend to	your mercy all who have died in th	ne hope of the resurre	ection, and
we pray that	we may share with all your saints it	in your eternal kingd	om.
We give than	nks for the many blessings in our li	ives, especially those	we now
name	And today we give special that	anks for the 21st birtl	hday of
Brad Newton	n. Our virtual flowers are given too	day in loving memor	y of Emily
Walke Wood	dside, by her children Bill, Sam, and	d Anne.	

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away. For the mothers who loved us and who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those who have yet to see this dream come true. Let us pray for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way, those who have been our substitute mothers and for all those who have mothered those in need. And finally let us pray for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. **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.** 

## O Lord, hear my prayer

Taizé

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



## 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

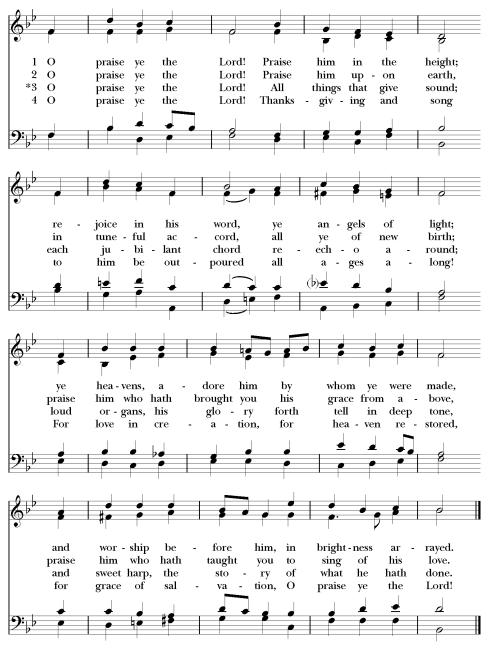
The Priest blesses the People saying

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**

## Laudate Dominum

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



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalm 148 and 150 Music: Laudate Dominum, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

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

Gavotte Matthew Camidge (1758 - 1844)

#### **Worship Leaders**

Officiant & Preacher The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
Deacon The Rev. Deacon Don Burr

Lectors Mark Gilmor, Kate Jarvis, Andrea Sato, Sharon Pearson,

Samantha Trolice

Artist in Residence Scott Ellaway

Facebook Greeters Pam Ely, Anne Newton

<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: Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Laine, Doris, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Margaret, Bo, Richard Douthitt, Mary Lou Mannix, 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. Mark's, New Britain; St. Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven. Parish prayer groups; intercessory prayer chains; healing prayer groups, and parish and community bible studies.

## 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.

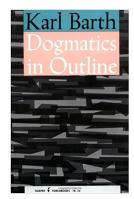




#### Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 9am on Facebook Live



Join us for 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**.



## 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

<u>send me a note</u> 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.

## ATTENTION: GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, CLASS OF 2020: SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

It is a long-standing tradition at St. Matthew's to invite all graduating seniors to participate in a Sunday worship service, in which the parish can recognize, honor and celebrate you. A few emails have gone out last week, with information on how you can choose to participate in this worship service. In an effort to have enough time to plan as a group, this will be the last week to express your interest before we begin finalizing roles. Please reach out to me as soon as possible. Our desire is to have all graduates included and celebrated! Reminder: Rev. Marissa and myself will be guiding and supporting you every step of the way. So no need for nerves/butterflies.

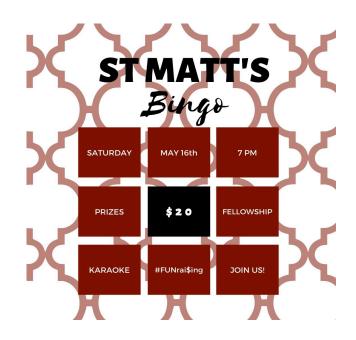


Confirmands, Mentors and Parents: Please mark your calendars for confirmation meetings:

Tuesday May 12th: 7-8pm (mentors included) Tuesday June 2nd: 7-8pm (mentors included)

Tuesday June 23rd: 7-8pm

If you have any questions/concerns about the above dates, <u>please reach out to me</u>.



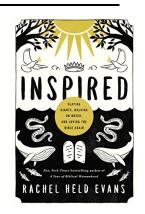
## A Special Third Sunday Forum, May 17th @ 11:30am via Zoom



As part of the continuation of our *Second Sundays* series, we'll have a special forum on the third Sunday of May in order to not conflict with Mother's Day. Save the date for a special Zoom forum with Ty Kepner about faith & baseball. Zoom information will be shared as the date approaches in our eNews and in our Parishioner Facebook Group.

#### Virtual Book Group: Inspired

Join us for a special exploration of the Bible. Together, we'll read Rachel Held Evan's book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again.* The book is available on amazon and on electronic sources as well. You can also purchase it locally at Books on the Common in Ridgefield by calling and asking for curbside pickup (203-431-9100). Marissa will also offer some other supplemental & background reading as the time approaches.



**Sundays at 11:30am: May 24th:** Chapters 1 & 2; **May 31st:** Chapters 3 & 4;

June 7th: Chapters 5 & 6; June 14th: Chapters 7 & 8

#### Weekly Calendar - May 10 - May 17

Sunday, May 10 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00am Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

11:30am Mother's Day Zoom Brunch 1:00pm Church School (Zoom)

Monday, May 11

10:00am Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 12

11:00am Staff Meeting (Zoom)

7:00pm Confirmation Class (Zoom)

9:00pm Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Wednesday, May 13

9:00am Morning Prayer (FB Live)

4:00pm 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade "Zoom Hangs" with Sam

Thursday, May 14

2:30-4:00pm Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott 7:30pm Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Saturday, May 16

6:00pm St. Matt's "Bingo" via (Zoom)

Sunday, May 17 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00am Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream) 11:30am Adult forum with Tyler Kepner (Zoom)

1:00pm Church School (Zoom)

4:00pm High School Joint 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 <a href="https://www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter">www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter</a>.

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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