



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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

Trumpet Voluntary

John Bennett (1735 - 1784)

Opening Hymn

Austria

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

Descant



4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -
 deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver
on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to
self to reign and as priests, his
sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn
sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.
round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

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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,

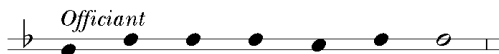
and walk in your ways,

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



O Lord, o - pen thou our lips.



And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.



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 23

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



¹ **The Lord is my / shepherd; ***
I shall not / be in want.

² **He makes me lie down in green / pastures ***
and leads me be- / side still waters.

³ He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**
I shall fear no / evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, / they comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is / running over.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all**
the days of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord for ever.

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 19

The Song of the Redeemed

Officiant and People say together

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 17

The Song of Simeon

Officiant and People say together

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Third Lesson

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Musical Meditation

Peter Hurford (1930 – 2019)

Litany To The Holy Spirit

Sung by the Adult Choir

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 Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Steve, Kim, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Margaret, 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 Jeanette Marsella, grandmother of Lindsay Wyman. 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

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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

Sicilian Mariners

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

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us
ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,
for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

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

Allegro from Trumpet Voluntary

John Bennett (1735 - 1784)

Worship Leaders

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Don Burr
<i>Lectors</i>	Jean Campbell, Lindsay Wyman, Andy Gaillard, Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice
<i>Artist in Residence</i>	Scott Ellaway
<i>Facebook Greeters</i>	Kim Hall, Pam Ely, Brian Angerame
<i>Coffee Hour Host</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: *Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Steve, Kim, 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. Peter's, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck. Retirement communities, especially Seabury and Armsmead; chaplains at retirement communities.

Today at 2:00pm – Join us for a Parish Update Zoom Meeting

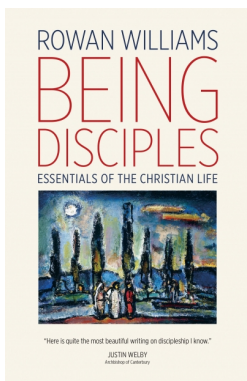
As we did regularly last year, we're planning an update from the Vestry, Officers, and Rector in the spring. **Join us at 2pm on Sunday, May 3rd in a Zoom room to hear from Clergy, Staff, and Officers about the current state of the parish.**

We'll share some information about our life together, particularly in light of COVID-19, and answer any questions you might have.

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

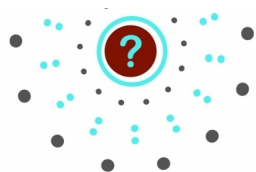


Our virtual book group continues today as we discuss *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams, 104th Archbishop of Canterbury. The book is available on Amazon & Kindle. Join us on Sundays in a Zoom Room from 11:30-1:00pm.



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.



*Wednesday
Trivia Night*
ZOOM IN AT 7
AND JOIN THE FUN!

May 6th: St. Matt's Second Trivia Night!

Join us for an encore of trivia night! Register your team <https://forms.gle/62W4XZiDktykpRRM6> to receive a zoom link to our Trivia Night on **Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm**. Quiz Master Tyler Kepner is developing questions and is taking suggestions for categories. There will

be a prize for the winning team! We look forward to seeing you for this fun night of fellowship!

Let's break bread together. A Virtual Potluck.

Now that many of us are adjusting to Zoom, let's have dinner together. All you need to do is set an extra seat at the table - a place for your computer or device to sit. Make yourself some dinner, rally the family troops, and come meet us at the table. If there are a lot of us, we'll break up into smaller Zoom rooms. Save the date! Zoom information will be shared soon.



You're invited to dinner! Friday, May 8th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

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.



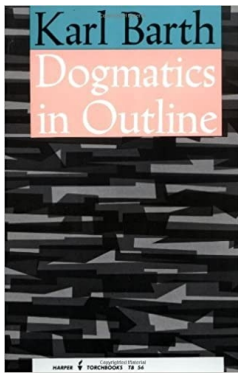
Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 9am on Facebook Live



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](#).

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.





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.

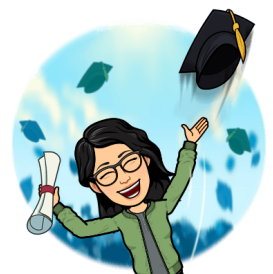


Church School @ Home Today. **Nate and I will be hosting Church School via zoom @ 1pm** (*this will occur every Sunday moving forward as well*). Today we will be talking about what the early church community was like, how they supported each other in all things and what they shared. Come join us with a pencil and paper for some afternoon fun!

ATTENTION: GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, CLASS OF 2020

It is a longstanding 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. *Even though we cannot "be" together in body, we are continuing this tradition virtually to celebrate in spirit. This is an important and meaningful milestone for you. Let's choose as a community to continue to celebrate each other, cling to joy and worship Christ in all circumstances.*

Our tentative date for Senior Sunday is May 24th.



Weekly Calendar - May 3 – May 10

Sunday, **May 3**

10:00am

11:30am

1:00pm

2:00pm

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Being Disciples – Virtual Book Group (Zoom)

Church School (Zoom)

Parish Update (Zoom) Meeting

Monday, **May 4**

10:00am

Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

Tuesday, **May 5**

11:00am

4:00pm

9:00pm

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6th & 7th Grade Joint Youth Group (Zoom)

Compline (Livestream & FB Live)

Wednesday, **May 6**

9:00am

4:00pm

4:30pm

Morning Prayer (FB Live)

6th-8th Grade “Zoom Hangs” with Sam

Matt & Me for Tea with Don (Zoom)

Thursday, **May 7**

2:30-4:00pm

4:00pm

7:30pm

Music Appreciation Online Class with Scott

9th-12th Grade St. Matt’s “Zoom Hangs” w/Sam

Online Adult & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Zoom)

Friday, **May 8**

6:30-7:30pm

Virtual Potluck (Zoom)

Sunday, **May 10**

9:00am

10:00am

11:30am-12pm

1:00pm

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mission Team Meeting (Zoom)

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Mother’s Day Brunch (Zoom)

Church School (Zoom)

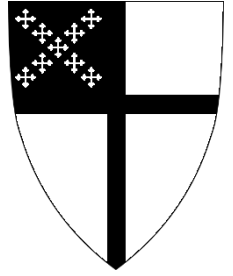
Connection details available on our website, in the e-news, and in our Parishioner Facebook group. Need to sign up for the e-news? It’s easy – just go to www.stmatthewswilton.org/newsletter.

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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