



Saint Matthew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning Prayer: Rite Two
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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, Jesus is present among us.

+ THE WORD OF GOD +

Prelude

Played by Wendy Kerner (Harp)

Opening Hymn

Bunessan

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

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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The Officiant begins

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

The Officiant and People say together

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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
Let the peoples praise you, O God:

People
Let all the peoples praise you.

Officiant and People say together

**O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.**

Officiant
Let the peoples praise you, O God:

People
Let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 17: 1-7, 16

The People read the portions in bold.

- ¹ Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- ³ Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ **I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- ¹⁶ **But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle L

A Song of Christ's Humility

Officiant and People say together

Though in the form of God, *
Christ Jesus did not cling to equality with God,
But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, *
and was born in human likeness.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself *
and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him *
and given him the name above every name,
That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, *
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, *
to the glory of God the Father.

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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Canticle M

A Song of Faith

Officiant and People say together

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;
Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, *
we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.
The ransom that was paid to free us *
was not paid in silver or gold,
But in the precious blood of Christ, *
the Lamb without spot or stain.
God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory *
so that we might have faith and hope in God.

The Third Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to

them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Don Hamer

Musical Meditation

Played by Wendy Kerner (Harp)

*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 God 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. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Frank, Richard, Mary Lou, Charles, and those we now name _____.

We pray for all those we love and see no longer, [especially _____]. 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.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

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

May God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways.
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive
all darkness from you and may the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer,
and Sanctifier pour upon you blessing and light this day and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lauda Anima

The Cantor sings the verses 1,2, 3, & 4. The People are invited to sing at home.

THE LOVE AND GRACE OF GOD

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven 239

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - las - ting King.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

From Psalm 103
Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod.

LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
John Goss, 1869

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Postlude

Played by Wendy Kerner (Harp)

Worship Leaders

<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Don Hamer
<i>Lectors</i>	Lydia Hall, Kim Hall, Michael O'Connell, Sharon Pearson, Samantha Trolice
<i>Artist in Residence</i>	Scott Ellaway
<i>Cantor</i>	Caroline DeAngelis & Linda Gortz
<i>Instrumentalist</i>	Wendy Kerner
<i>Facebook Greeter</i>	Pam Ely

Today: Join us in a Zoom Room at 11:30 for a conversation with our preacher. Come be with us for this beginning conversation. The Zoom link is in our Parishioner Facebook as well as the e-news that went out on Saturday.

Meet our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Donald Hamer retired in March 2019 as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford, having served there for over 15 years. Prior to that, he served as Associate Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Manchester, CT for 3 years. Before his ordination in 2000, Don was in private law practice for 23 years, serving on the Board of Education in Glastonbury for 3 years and as Judge of Probate for 14 years. A graduate of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, he earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Hartford Seminary in 2016, where his doctoral project was entitled, *From Hospitality to Mission: Discerning God's Mission at Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford, CT*. He is presently Convener of the Speaker's Bureau for ECCT's Season of Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation Network.

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: *Nancy, Ken, Bruce, Dawn, Josh, Nika, Ivy, Donnie, James, Jeff, Aaron, Michael, Katie, Laura, Petra, Doris, Laine, Darunee, Liza, Patricia, Frank, 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 Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; St. Alban's, Simsbury. Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford; the Cathedral Chapter; honorary canons of our Cathedral.

**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.



Coffee hour will continue for the first two weeks of August and then take a pause until the end of August. So join us on 8/3 and 8/10!

Weekly Calendar – August 2 – August 9

Sunday, **August 2**

10:00am

11:30am

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Adult Forum – Conversation with our Preacher (Zoom)

Tuesday, **August 4**

11:00am

Staff Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, **August 9**

10:00am

11:30am

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer: Rite 2 (Livestream)

Parish Update (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.

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**Reflect +
Discuss +
Learn +**

Tues, Aug. 6
Thurs, Aug 11
7:00pm

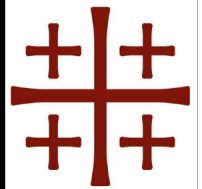
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waking up

white

AND FINDING MYSELF IN THE STORY OF RACE

**A SEASON OF RACIAL HEALING,
JUSTICE, & RECONCILIATION**



AUGUST 2020: ST. MATT'S ENGAGES THE SEASON OF RACIAL HEALING, JUSTICE, AND RECONCILIATION

AUGUST 2

The Rev. Don Hamer will be our Guest Preacher. Join us for worship and then for a forum in a Zoom room at 11:30.

**AUGUST 6 AT 7PM
AUGUST 11TH AT 7PM**

Two Zoom sessions to reflect on, discuss, and learn from Debby Irving's book *Waking Up White*.

**AUGUST 20 AT 7PM
AUGUST 25TH AT 7PM**

Two Zoom sessions to reflect on, discuss, and learn from the Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas' book *Stand Your Ground*.

**SEPTEMBER 6TH
AT 11:30 AM**

The Rev. Don Hamer will join us again as we reflect on what we've learned and what God might be calling us to do and to be.

Think of this as a place to begin.
A chance to enter the conversation. To listen and learn.
At the beginning of September,
we'll talk together about what next steps might be.
First, join this community of learners and discerners.

Questions? marissa@stmatthewswilton.org

ANTI- RACISM RESOURCES

*****PLEASE SCREEN ALL BELOW RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE SHARING WITH YOUR CHILDREN*****

reach out to samantha@stmatthewswilton.org with any questions/conerns

CHILDRENS BOOKS

Sofia Valdez, Future Prez, Iggy Peck, Architect and Rosie Revere Engineer **by Andrea Beaty**
Trombone Shorty **by Troy Andrews**
Firebird **by Misty Copeland**
Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins **by Michelle Meadows**

3rd Grade & Younger

6th-8th Grade

fill out poll for book group/discussion group
visit: bit.ly/STMpoll

BOOKS & VIDEOS

(INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP DISCUSSION)

GROUP DATES TBD PENDING INTEREST

New Kid **by Jerry Craft** - Graphic Novel
Just Mercy **by Bryan Stevenson** - version adapted for Youth
TedTalk: The Danger of a Single Story
TedTalk: How to Overcome Our Biases: Walk Boldly Toward Them

WEB LINKS

How to Talk to Kids About Difficult Subject
<https://bit.ly/2AmfWZN>

Are Your Kids Too Young to Talk About Race?
<https://www.prettygooddesign.org/>

Resource Roundup:
<https://bit.ly/31zgIOf>

Common Sense Media Movie Recommendations
<https://bit.ly/3eVKDny>

Parents

The Whole Family

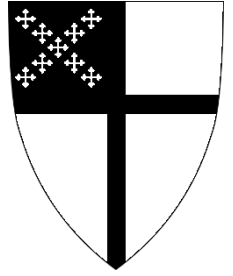
MOVIES

Remember the Titans
Hidden Figures
The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind
Akeelah and The Bee
Glory Road
The Secret Life of Bees

Have a middle schooler? Take the poll here: bit.ly/STMpoll

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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