

MORNING PRAYER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 11, 2021

PRELUDE: PRELUDE IN C MAJOR, JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

OPENING SENTENCE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.
R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***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.***

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER *PASCHA NOSTRUM*

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 also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.***

THE PSALMS APPOINTED:

PSALM 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 ***Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.***
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 ***Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;***
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 ***Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.***
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 ***The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.***
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

PSALM 147 *Laudate Dominum*

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 ***The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.***
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 ***He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.***
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 ***The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.***
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 ***He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;***
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 ***He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.***
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 ***But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.***

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 ***For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.***
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 ***He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.***
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 ***He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?***
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 ***He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.***
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

***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 LESSONS

A READING FROM ACTS 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MOSES *Cantemus Domino*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

***The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.***

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

***The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.***

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *

they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *

who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *

with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

***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.***

A READING FROM 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING!

A READING FROM JOHN 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has

sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Carl Edwards+

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

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***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for parishes in our Diocese, especially St. Andrew's, St. Barnabas', and St. Francis' of Greensboro. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME and for the Hillsborough Clergy Group, especially for Rev. Tony Boss of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of the Eno River Association.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for Justice United and Durham CAN and their work in our community.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Laura, Sandra, Robert, Tricia & Don, Nell, Ludie, Robert, Paul, Marion, Nancy, and Jim. We pray for Joanna Huacani, mother of Amy; and Cyndi Martin, Katie Efland's aunt. We pray for those who mourn, especially the extended family of the Wiley's at the death of Billy, their daughter-in-law's father. We pray for those at Brookshire, both residents and staff.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Billy, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.**

CLOSING HYMN #204: NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

POSTLUDE: VINCENZO ALLEVATO PLAYS "VARIATIONS SUR LES NOEL" M. DUPRÈ

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday (4/11): Easter II

Worship and Formation

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum**: 10:15am (Worship Zoom)
- **Growing in Christ** (Formation Zoom); 10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt; Noon [health screening form required](#)

Youth Group (Formation Zoom); 4:00pm

Monday (4/12):

- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom): 6:30p
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (4/13):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Staff Meeting** (Meeting Zoom); 11:00am
- **Justice United Listening Training**; 7:00pm (Zoom Link TBA)
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (4/14):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Eucharist (Memorial Garden); Noon**; **health screening form required**
- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (4/15)

- **Fellowship Breakfast Group** (Meeting Zoom); 8:30am
- **Newsletter deadline**; 5:00pm
- **Adult Bible Study** (Formation Zoom); 7:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday (4/16)

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Sunday (4/18): Easter II Worship and Formation

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum**: 10:15am (Worship Zoom)
- **Godly Play** (Formation Zoom); 10:30am

Youth Group (Formation Zoon); 4:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please mask up if you come into any of the buildings
on the church property!!**

Children's Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 11 at Noon

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Join us in the cemetery on the morning of Easter II (April 11) at 12:00pm for the St. Matthew's Easter Egg Hunt. We will have three different areas of egg hunting for three different age groups to accommodate Diocesan safety protocols. Nursery children and at least one parent will meet at the Education Building. Godly Play kids (ages 3-2nd grade) will gather at the south side of the graveyard. Growing in Christ (grades 3rd-5th) will gather at the north side of the graveyard.

Hiding Eggs: Youth will meet in the cemetery at 11:00am on Sunday morning April 11th to hide Easter eggs for the big hunt, which begins at 12:00pm

Faith and Arts is launching Season III of the St. Matthew's Podcast. This new season features interviews with six artists and creative folk from different mediums and practices in the St. Matthew's community. We are exploring the imagination and creative presence among our own community as we continue to quarantine and discussing how each artist's particular faith experience informs and connects to their artistic work. Episode 1 with Holden Richards airs this Sunday on the St. Matthew's podcast and each Sunday we will release a new episode! <https://stmatthewshillsborough.org/podcast/>

Training Sessions Offered by Justice United

Orange County Justice United is a broad based community organization that works with the civil sector to organize around issues to improve the lives of Orange County's marginalized residents.

As many of you may know, during 2020 St. Matthew's parishioners joined others in Justice United to support mobile home residents in their negotiations with park owners. That work continues, but now JU is pivoting to begin new campaigns. To start that journey, members of JU met virtually for two Relational Meetings in early March. During these meetings, attendees peeled off to chat in groups of two or three, connecting and strengthening relationships between individuals and institutions.

Small group listening sessions are to be held this spring at each Orange County institution involved with JU, offering members a chance to share what they consider to be issues facing their community. Justice United has organized two workshops in April to teach leaders how to organize and facilitate a listening session in their community. JU leadership has asked that five to ten St. Matthew's members attend a 90-minute training to facilitate these listening sessions. **If you are interested in attending one of these trainings, please sign up using the link below and reach out to Eileen Camp**

(919-345-7513). Once the trainings are complete, information about the Listening Sessions will be shared with St. Matthew's members.

Listening Session Training 1
 Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
[Please Register in Advance Here](#)

Listening Session Training 2
 Monday, April 19, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
[Please Register in Advance Here](#)

Orange Congregations In Mission

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. Bring your donated cans to the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors. So far, we have collected 57 cans toward our monthly goal of 175.

"Warming Hearts" Shawl Ministry Calendars

Calendars (February 2021-January 2022) featuring shawls made by the Shawl Ministry are available in the Parish House. They were made to honor our Shawl Ministry by member Dot Lansdown. Her son William photographed the shawls which he displayed on the pews of St. Matthew's. (Quantities are limited.)

Care & Discernment Group Forming: beginning April 22

You are invited to practice listening with a group of four to eight fellow parishioners. During these challenging and divisive times we feel the pressure to take action. Learning to pay careful attention to one another is a way to act decisively and effectively. The structure of St. Matthew's Care and Discernment Groups provides a way to practice this work through mutual support. We take turns to narrate a query, challenge, or joy which is held in meditative attention through prayer, reflection and silence. We will meet for as many times as there are participants and our sessions last for 75 minutes. Active listening nourishes our mind, body, and spirit; it strengthens our friendship to one another and our service to the wider community.

We will begin the group on St. Matthew's Zoom Meeting channel on Thursday, April 22nd at 4pm. If you are interested please contact Edward Wright at framesbyedwardwright@[gmail.com](mailto:framesbyedwardwright@gmail.com) or call 919-622-7082.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation Book Discussion April 27

Caste, by Isabel Wilkerson, proved to be such a fascinating book when we discussed it on March 23rd that we decided we needed to revisit it. Please join us on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00pm on the Meeting Channel. Whether you attended the previous discussion or not, you are welcome.

Suggested Program: [Coventry Cathedral: Icon and Inspiration](#) on April 29, 2–3:30 p.m. Join [Alexandra Epps](#) (an Accredited Lecturer for The Arts Society and Guide and Lecturer at Tate Modern, Tate Britain and the Guildhall Art Gallery) for the extraordinary story of the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral as a symbol of peace and reconciliation and its inspiring commitment to the modern. Experience the artistic journey that is the Cathedral discovering the work of many of the world-class artists associated with its many treasures including Jacob Epstein, Elisabeth Frink, John Piper, Graham Sutherland and more.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Robert Fruehwirth, Tricia & Don Hill, Nell Schrader, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Marion Horn, Nancy Harris, Jim von St. Paul, Jean Bartholomew, and Joseph Riddick.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Mary Beth, Karl & Janice Eicher, Knox Efland, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, the family of Chris Knotts, Bill, Chris Graebner, Tom Bloom, Michael Thompson, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Matthew Arnold, Anne Cox, Sally Weaver, Steve Thomas, Alex Thomas, Joe Barnes, Tony Boss, Millie Hinkle, Cyndi Martin, Joanna Huacani, and the Wiley family: Amanda, Hayes, Julianna, and Jasper.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.