

MORNING PRAYER

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OPENING SENTENCE

We give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:12

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.***

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

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.***

Alleluia

THE VENITE

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

***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 PSALMS APPOINTED:

PSALM 93 *Dominus renavit*

- ¹ The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
 the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- ² ***He has made the whole world so sure *
 that it cannot be moved;***
- ³ Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
 you are from everlasting.
- ⁴ ***The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
 the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.***
- ⁵ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
 mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- ⁶ ***Your testimonies are very sure, *
 and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.***

Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- ² ***Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.***
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations *
 and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ ***For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.***
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
 but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- ⁶ ***Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!***
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
 ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

- ⁸ ***Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.***
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- ¹⁰ ***Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with
equity."***
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹² ***Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.***
- ¹³ He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

***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 WISDOM 6:12-20

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, and immortality brings one near to God; so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21: YOU ARE GOD *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

***To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

***Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.***

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

***You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.***

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

***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 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #68: REJOICE! REJOICE, BELIEVERS

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the

bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

David Nichols

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 UNC-Charlotte, Central Piedmont, Johnson & Wales University Campus Ministry, Davidson College Campus Ministry, Elon Campus Ministry, and LEAF. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME.

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. We pray for an easing of violence and for the spirit of peace to prevail. We pray for Justice United and Durham CAN in their ministries of building relationships to increase the common good.

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 and for the communities threatened by wild fires on the west coast.

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.

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: Jackie, Mildred, Katherine, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Bob, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Patrick, Laura, Sandra, and Bartow.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died 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:

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #436: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

2 Corinthians 13:14

SUNDAY FORUM

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday (11/8)

- **Sunday Morning Gathering on Worship Zoom including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering on Zoom
 - **9:10** Silence & Music
 - **9:15** Morning Prayer
- **10:15 Children's Programming** (Formation Zoom)
- **Sunday Forum** (Worship Zoom)
- **Inquirers' Class** (Worship Zoom) 11:00am
- **Youth Group** (Formation Zoom) 4:00pm

Monday (11/9):

- **Social Ministries Meeting;** 5:30pm (Meeting Zoom)
- **Education for Ministry;** 6:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (11/10):

- **Morning Silence (Worship Zoom);** 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Compline (Worship Zoom);** 8:30pm

Wednesday (11/11):

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

Thursday (11/12):

- **Care & Discernment Group (Meeting Zoom);** 4:00pm
- **Adult Bible Study;** 7:30pm led by Charles Thomas and Jack Troxell (contact Hugh Tilson for Zoom link)
- **Compline (Worship Zoom);** 8:30pm

Friday (11/13):

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

Sunday (11/15)

- **Sunday Morning Gathering on Worship Zoom including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering on Zoom
 - **9:10** Silence & Music
 - **9:15** Morning Prayer
- **10:15 Sunday Forum** (Worship Zoom)
- **10:15 Children's Programming** (Formation Zoom)
- **Youth Confirmation** (Formation Zoom) 4:00pm
- **Newsletter Deadline;** 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE MASK UP IF YOU COME INTO ANY OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE CHURCH PROPERTY!!

THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign has concluded. If you have not yet pledged, you may still do so. We have not yet reached our goal and your gift in any amount will help us reach it. Your responses are vital to financial planning for the many church programs, staffing needs, and outreach that enable the gifts St. Matthew's brings to us and to the community around us as we reflect on the year's theme: *Abiding in Faith, Acting with Hope, Anchored by Love.*

FEST SALES HAVE BEGUN



FEST SURPRISE BOXES

Pre-orders of **FeST Surprise Boxes** run through Sunday, November 15. These delightful boxes will contain an assortment of small treats, all home made by parishioners: baked goodies such as cookies, muffins, granola, and hand-crafted items, like ornaments, cards, and earrings. Each box costs \$25. Orders can be placed online under the Heritage-FeST window or forms are available at the church. Payment via PayPal or by dropping off a check at the church. Pick up will be drive by delivery on December 5 at the church, noon to 2:00 pm. A little special note: December 6 is the Feast Day of St. Nicholas....what better way to honor St. Nicholas than to order a box and anonymously "surprise" someone with this box of treats.

WREATHS AND ROPING

Wreaths and Roping Orders also begin today and can be ordered through November 16. Order forms are available online and outside Mary's office. Payment preferred at the time of order and can be by check or through the PayPal link online under the Heritage-FeST window. Cost is \$30 for a fresh Fraser fir wreath and \$30 for 25 feet of roping. Pick up will be drive-by delivery on December 5 at the church, from noon to 2:00 pm.

BAKED GOODS

Specialty Baked Goods- Specialty baked items (Think cakes, breads, Soup mixes and other yummys) will be available for preorder on Sunday, November 8 ONLY. This list along with prices was included in this week's Weekly Parish News sent out on November 6 and also on the website. **Karen Ireland will be taking orders by phone (919-732-7538) on Sunday, November 8 from noon to 3:00.** Call early because quantities are limited. Payment, preferred by check, and can be made the day of pick up, December 5, noon to 2:00. Again, it's another wonderful way to honor St. Nicholas by delivering a delicious surprise to someone unexpectedly.

ALL PROCEEDS go to benefit people in need in Orange County and are distributed to local area non-profits.

--Lisa

OUR NEXT, IN-PERSON, **OUTSIDE EUCHARIST** IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 11 AT NOON. It'll be in the Memorial Garden where we can accommodate 24 easily. To sign up, first fill out the health

screening form here. Masks are required and physical distancing must be observed. We expect to continue this Wednesday Eucharist for as long as the weather allows. Also, scheduled: Wednesday, November 18, at noon and Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, November 26, at 10:30am.

VISIO DIVINA

This Advent, join me for Visio Divina! We'll meet once a week to share artwork and images related to the week's lectionary texts, and we'll reflect together on the Scripture and what the art shows us about it. If you're interested, email Amy Peterson (coamyp@gmail.com) for more details.

Tuesdays at 7pm

November 24 - reflecting on Advent 1

December 1 - reflecting on Advent 2

December 8 - reflecting on Advent 3

December 15 - reflecting on Advent 4

December 22 - reflecting on Christmas

FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONALS

These booklets (\$1), issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs through February. They are on the table of the Ruffin House foyer if you want to stop by some morning or you can let the church office know and one can be mailed to you.

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. We hope that you will consider contributing to OCIM's Holiday meals. Bring your donated items by the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors.

Holiday Donations

The pantry will begin accepting items on October 1st.
Donations can be brought to OCIM's pantry Monday-Friday,
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- * Stuffing * Pie Crust Mix
- * Mashed Potato Flakes * Canned Fruit Pie Filling
- * Gravy (packets, jars, or cans) * Canned Pumpkin Pie Filling
- * Cranberry Sauce * Evaporated Milk (5oz cans) * Canned Vegetables
- * Aluminum Turkey Pans
- * Flour * Clean Paper Grocery Bags
- * Sugar * Clean Reusable Grocery Bags
- * Cooking Oil

For financial donations, visit www.ocimnc.org for PayPal OR
mail to 300 Millstone Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne

Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Patrick Craft, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, and Bartow Culp.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Joe & Pat McDonald, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, and Richard Stevens.

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