

MORNING PRAYER
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / PROPER 29
CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

PRELUDE: THOU ART THE KING OF GLORY, HANDEL (*DETTINGEN TE DEUM*)

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!

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THE PSALMS APPOINTED:

Psalm 140 *Eripe me, Domine*

- 1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers; *
 protect me from the violent,
- 2 ***Who devise evil in their hearts ****
and stir up strife all day long.
- 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; *
 adder's poison is under their lips.
- 4 ***Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; ****
protect me from the violent, who are determined to trip me up.
- 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me and stretched out a net of cords; *
 they have set traps for me along the path.
- 6 ***I have said to the LORD, "You are my God; ****
listen, O LORD, to my supplication.
- 7 O Lord GOD, the strength of my salvation, *
 you have covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 ***Do not grant the desires of the wicked, O LORD, ****
nor let their evil plans prosper.
- 9 Let not those who surround me lift up their heads; *
 let the evil of their lips overwhelm them.
- 10 ***Let hot burning coals fall upon them; ****
let them be cast into the mire, never to rise up again."
- 11 A slanderer shall not be established on the earth, *
 and evil shall hunt down the lawless.

¹² ***I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the poor *
and render justice to the needy.***

¹³ Surely, the righteous will give thanks to your Name, *
and the upright shall continue in your sight.

Psalm 142 *Voce mea ad Dominum*

¹ I cry to the LORD with my voice; *
to the LORD I make loud supplication.

² ***I pour out my complaint before him *
and tell him all my trouble.***

³ When my spirit languishes within me, you know my path; *
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴ ***I look to my right hand and find no one who knows me; *
I have no place to flee to, and no one cares for me.***

⁵ I cry out to you, O LORD; *
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

⁶ ***Listen to my cry for help, for I have been brought very low; *
save me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.***

⁷ Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your Name; *
when you have dealt bountifully with me, the righteous will gather around me.

***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 EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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 EPHESIANS 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in

Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #460: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS (VV. 1 & 4)

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hear the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

'Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood!'

Alleluia! King eternal, you, the Lord of lords we own;

Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne:

you, within the veil have entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;

yours the blood and yours the body, in our Eucharistic feast.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

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 the Campus Ministry at UNC-Chapel Hill, Wake Forest, Salem, Winston-Salem State, and UNC School of the Arts. 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.

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 families unable to gather over the holidays.

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, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Patrick, Laura, Sandra, Bartow, Joseph, and Robert.

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:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see King (3X)
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King

No more cryin' there...

No more dying' there...

Soon and very soon...

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

POSTLUDE: HALLELUJAH! FROM MESSIAH (HANDEL)

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday (11/22)

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

Monday (11/23):

- **Food for All** (Fellowship Hall); 5:30pm / Gordon Carlson's Team
- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom); 6:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (11/24):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Visio Divina** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (11/25):

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

- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (11/26): Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

- **In-Person Eucharist** (Memorial Garden); 10:30am; Registration Required

Friday (11/27): Office Closed

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

Sunday (11/29): Advent One

- **Morning Gathering for Worship & Formation including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering (Worship Zoom)
 - **9:10** Silence & Music
 - **9:15** Morning Prayer
 - **10:15 Family Faith Formation** (Formation Zoom)
- **Women's "Singing" Circle and Compline** (Worship Zoom) 7:00pm

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

A WORD FROM ROBERT+

Dear Friends,

On Friday, November 20th, I went under the knife to have surgery on my Achilles tendon, repairing damage from old sports injuries, damage that has gotten increasingly painful in the past months. It was a day-surgery, and I'm on crutches for a few weeks and then in an orthopedic boot, but I expect to be worshipping with you all on the 22nd and for ministry to continue much as usual — perhaps using Uber for pastoral visits, since I won't be able to drive for 12 weeks. I am super happy to be undergoing this surgery — it means I can look forward to running and playing with my kids without fear of reopening the old wound. There is no need for cards, but please pray for me. God bless. Robert

FEST SURPRISE BOXES

Pre-orders of **FeST Surprise Boxes** run through Sunday, November 22. 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.

THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign has concluded, but if you have not returned your pledge yet, you can still do so. We are still short of 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.*

OUR NEXT, IN-PERSON, OUTSIDE EUCHARIST IS SCHEDULED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY AT 10:30AM. 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 having Wednesday Eucharists for as long as the weather allows.

VISIO DIVINA STARTS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

This Advent, join me, Amy Peterson, 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

ADVENT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - NOVEMBER 29TH

On the first Sunday of Advent (November 29th) we will have our Family Faith Formation beginning at 10:15am on the Formation Channel. As part of our service, we will be making advent wreaths together. We invite all who attend this service to bring your own greenery from outside around your house, on your favorite walks, or from your local florist; Trader Joes also has greenery. **We will provide the advent wreaths, wire, and candles. If you do not have an advent wreath or advent candles, [sign up here](#).** The suggested donation is \$10. We will have them available for pickup outside the Hayden building on the white bench on Tuesday, November 24th and Saturday, November 28th. If you are quarantined and/or otherwise cannot pick them up on either of those dates, please email Kim at kim@stmatthewshillsborough.org

RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION DISCUSSION TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 (FORMATION ZOOM)

The RJRC will be hosting a discussion of *To Free a Family: The Journey of Mary Walker* by Sydney Nathans on Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 pm on the Formation Channel. Margaret Brill will lead the discussion. As you will see below, there is a connection to St. Matthew's in this true story.

Prior to the Civil War, thousands of African Americans escaped from slavery, but because few recorded their experiences, little is known about their efforts to forge new lives in freedom. Mary Walker, the focus of this study, was a light-skinned fugitive who escaped from a North Carolina planter (Duncan Cameron, owner of Stagville) when she accompanied them to Philadelphia in 1848. Her history, though unique in many ways, is illustrative of the hardships and challenges such migrants faced and the support they sometimes received from abolitionist networks. Her efforts to preserve her freedom, gain economic independence, and locate and purchase the freedom of her children still held as slaves is pieced together here by Nathans from the papers of Northern abolitionists and Southern slaveholders.

The paperback is available from Purple Crow Books on W. King St. for \$17.00 (book club rate), from Amazon for \$20.53 new or about \$8.00 used. For download on your Kindle it is \$12.60.

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 both for Thanksgiving and Christmas. 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, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Patrick Craft, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Bartow Culp, Joseph Riddick, and Robert Fruehwirth.

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, Richard Stevens, and Mary Beth.

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