

MORNING PRAYER

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PRELUDE: PRELUDE HILARITER ("THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD REJOICES NOW")
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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 148 *Laudate Dominum*

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- ² ***Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.***
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ ***Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.***
- ⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- ⁶ ***He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.***
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ ***Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;***
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ ***Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;***
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² ***Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.***
- ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ ***He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!***

PSALM 149 *Cantate Domino*

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- ² ***Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.***
- ³ Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴ ***For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.***
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- ⁶ ***Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;***
- ⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

- ⁸ ***To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;***
⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

PSALM 150 *Laudate Dominum*

- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; *
 praise him in the firmament of his power.
² ***Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.***
³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
 Praise him with lyre and harp.
⁴ ***Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.***
⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
 praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
⁶ ***Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord. 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 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you." And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #199: COME, YE FAITHFUL (VV.1,3,4)

A READING FROM LUKE 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Robert Fruehwirth+

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. Mark's, Halifax and All Saints', Hamlet. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME and for the Hillsborough Clergy Coalition, 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 Re-Entry House 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, Jim, Joseph, and Mimi. 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 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 made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #180: HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN (VV. 1,3,4)

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

THANKING SUSAN ALDEN

THE SUNDAY FORUM: RESURRECTION AND PRISON

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday (4/18): Easter III

Worship and Formation

- **Gathering** (Worship Zoom); 9:00am
- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 9:15am
- **Sunday Forum:** 10:15am (Worship Zoom): Resurrection and Prison – The Gift of Re-Entry House to St. Matthew's
- **Godly Play** (Formation Zoom); 10:30am

Youth Group (Formation Zoon); 4:00pm

Monday (4/19):

- **Archives & History;** 10:00am
- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom): 6:30p
- **Justice United Listening Training** (Link TBA); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (4/20):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Food for All / Hugh Tilson's Team** (Fellowship Hall); 5:30pm
- **Vestry** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (4/21):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Eucharist (Church); 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 (4/22)

- **Parish Pastoral Group** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm
- **Adult Bible Study** (Formation Zoom); 7:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday (4/23)

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

Saturday (4/24)

- **Youth Movie Night** (Courtyard); 7:30pm

Sunday (4/25): Easter IV

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
- Youth Group + RJR Movie Discussion: "42"** (Formation Zoon); 4:00pm
Women's Singing Circle & Compline (Worship Zoom); 7:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 features Holden Richards and Episode 2 airs this Sunday on the St. Matthew's podcast with Jerry Eidenier. Each Sunday we will release a new episode!
<https://stmatthewshillsborough.org/podcast/>

Training Session 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 the remaining session, please sign up using the link below and reach out to Eileen Camp (919-345-7513).** Once the training is complete, information about the Listening Sessions will be shared with St. Matthew's members.

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

About Reentry House

The Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry has operated a weekly Yokefellows group on Tuesday evenings at the Orange Correctional Facility for years, although temporarily suspended now because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In late summer, 2019, they started a non-profit corporation for the purpose of providing housing and support in the most critical first 18 months after prison for those being released, until the point where they can become independent, self-supporting, contributing individuals in our community.

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 only collected 86 cans toward our monthly goal of 175.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation

- **Movie Discussion on Sunday, April 25:** On Sunday April 25th, the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee is hosting a discussion with a special invitation to the youth of the film "42" on the Formation Channel at 4pm. 42 is a film about Jackie Robinson who was the first black athlete to play in Major League Baseball.

Book Discussion on Tuesday, 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.

MEANS and ENDS: What is our best path to the Common Good?

An informal parish seminar series on economics, faith, and policy hosted by Robert Fruehwirth+ and John Oxaal

This seminar series is meant to engage in a discussion of many of the topics that are in the public square. Most of these have application to our own situation here in the middle of North Carolina. We will roughly follow chapter by chapter the outline of Rose and Milton Friedman's book Free to Choose. Free to Choose is a wonderful description for the layman of differing approaches to the macro economy.

We will have a scholar discuss each chapter for about 20 minutes or so and follow that up with a question and answer session. Many of the questions will come from the show "Free to Choose" which is easy to find on You Tube.

Our first session will be on Tuesday, May 4, from 6:30pm until 7:30pm. will be led by Anne Bradley, Ph.D. a scholar from the Acton Institute <https://www.acton.org/>. Steve Kaplan, Neubauer Professor of Finance at the University of Chicago will discuss the Duty of Corporations to Society. Anne Bradley will talk about limited government vs. central government planning. Please read the first two chapters of Free to Choose as preparation. The seminar will be on the Meeting Zoom Channel.

Forward Day by Day Devotionals are available for purchase on the table in the Parish House foyer for \$1.00. These booklets, issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs for May, June, and July.

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, Joseph Riddick, and Mimi Games.

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, Sally Weaver, Steve Thomas, Alex Thomas, Joe Barnes, Tony Boss, Millie Hinkle, Cyndi Martin, Joanna Huacani, the Wiley family: Amanda, Hayes, Julianna, and Jasper, and Steven Tchet.

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