

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10:30 am

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Hillsborough, NC



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I – 8:00am

THE WORD OF GOD

+THE EASTER ACCLAMATION	BCP, 323
+COLLECT FOR PURITY .	BCP, 323
+GLORIA	BCP, 324
+THE COLLECT OF THE DAY	BCP, 173
THE LESSONS	
First Reading	Acts 4:5-12
Psalm	23; BCP, 476
Second Reading	1 John 3:16-24
<i>Gospeller</i> The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.	
<i>People</i> Glory be to thee, O Lord.	
+Gospel	John 10:11-18
<i>Gospeller</i> The Gospel of the Lord.	
<i>People</i> Praise be to thee, O Christ.	
THE SERMON	
+THE NICENE CREED	BCP, 326
+THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; <i>That we all may be one.</i>	
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; <i>That your Name may be glorified by all people.</i>	

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially *Para and the Drake family*;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially remembering Wil Drake.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. In this parish, we pray together for *Tom, Molly, Jim, Ann, Champe, Andy & Barrie, Carol, Kathy, Sandy, Carl & Janet, Alex, Camille, William, Mike, Kitty, Bill, Jennifer, Kathy, Josh, Mary, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*. I invite your personal prayers, either silently or aloud. *(Pause)*

Celebrant concludes with a collect.

THE CONFESSION

BCP, 331

+THE PEACE

BCP, 332

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP, 340

Sanctus

BCP, 341

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 336

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, 337

Agnus Dei

BCP, 337

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, 339

EASTER BLESSING & DISMISSAL

BCP, 339

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II - 10:30 am

VOLUNTARY

Meditation from Thais; Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

THE WORD OF GOD

+HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymnal, No. 205, Vss. 1, 3-5

+THE EASTER ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

+THE GLORIA

Hymnal, No. S-278

+THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, 225

THE LESSONS

First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

Hymnal, No. 663

Second Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

+Gospel Acclamation

The congregation sings the alleluia twice.



Verse: *Jesus says I am the [good] shepherd * I know my own ... and my [own] know me.*

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

+GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The congregation sings the alleluia twice as the Gospel is processed back to the altar.

THE SERMON

+THE NICENE CREED

BCP, 358

+THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE CONFESSION

BCP, 360

+THE PEACE

BCP, 360

Priest

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us; William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)
Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds
prepare: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us,
Thine we are. Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will; do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our
bosoms fill. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us,
love us still.*

+PRESENTATION HYMN

Sung to the tune Beach Spring

1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Sanctus

BCP, 367

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, No. S-128

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP, 364

Fraction Anthem

BCP, 364

Communion Hymns

Hymnal, No. S-152

Hymnal, Nos. 343 & 581

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, 365

+THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin and into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

+HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymnal, No. 208, Vss. 1-2 & 4-5

+THE EASTER DISMISSAL

The people respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Allegro from Sonata in F; Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Serving in the Liturgy - 8:00 AM

Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Preacher: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Eucharistic Minister: Carolyn Carlson
Verger: James Emmanuel Jr.

Lector: Elizabeth Barber
Ushers: Marvin Teer & Tom Anderson
Greeter: Carolyn Carlson
Coffee Hour: Phyllis & Edward Wright

Serving in the Liturgy - 10:30 AM

Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Preacher: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Eucharistic Minister: Katie Bracy
Verger: Bob Shelton
Acolytes: Ashely Romero-Love,
Bea Jensen
Lectors: Katie Bracy, Margaret Brill

Musicians: Dr. Jason A. Wright, *organ*,
Pauline Gray, *flute*,
The Parish Choir
Ushers: Rick Brewer & Edward Wright
Greeter: Carolyn Parsley
Nursery: Court & Courtney Mandeville
Video/Zoom: Austin Stapella
Coffee Hour: Charles & Martha McCamy

Altar Guild: Gretchen Schwanke, Glenn Sumner, Mary Parker, Kathy & Jim von St. Paul

Offering Counters: Chris Peterson, TBD

Feeding God's people from the abundance of God's grace

Welcome to St. Matthew's. We hope you will be nourished, welcomed, and sustained while you are here. We strive to make St. Matthew's a place of hospitality, peace, and renewal, where people can come to be fed through worship and the sacraments; through the care and compassion of our members; through our welcome of the stranger in our midst; through our service to the larger community of Hillsborough and the world. We invite you to be part of the feast.

All baptized persons, of all ages and from any tradition, are welcome to come forward for communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the clergy. Simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this by holding out your hands with palms facing down.

TODAY

The altar flowers today are given by Para Drake and the Drake family to the glory of God and in memory of **Wil Drake**, beloved husband, father, and brother.

Coffee Hour - Following both services, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall to share a cup of coffee and a time of fellowship.

Nursery Care for children 5 and under is provided from 7:55-11:45 am in the Nursery on the top floor of the Hayden Building.

Education Hour: Today at 9:15 am

- **Sunday Forum: Creation Care** - Join parishioner David McDuffie for a discussion based on his book, *Nature's Sacrament: The Epic of Evolution and a Theology of Sacramental Ecology*. This book focuses on the religious and ecological significance of evolution. With an emphasis on the Eucharist, David argues that grace as conveyed through the material elements of Holy Communion provides a basis for Christian tradition to make a significant contribution to protecting the threatened ecological communities of our planet. David is a faculty member in the Religious Studies Dept. at UNC-G.
- **Bible Study on Romans in the Parish House and through Formation Channel** - Join the Rev. Dr. Susan Eastman for an open-ended discussion of Romans. No homework required - just bring a Bible!
- **Children's Formation in the Education Building** - The Sunday School time will be an open Godly Play Work Time, where we will get materials ready for our Gallery Day in May.

Choral Evensong canceled: Please note that the regular Third Sunday liturgy will not take place this afternoon. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on the third Sunday of May at 4 pm for Jazz Vespers.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers - Would you like to honor or remember someone special with an altar flower dedication? For an \$80 donation to the flower fund, you can do just that and have your dedication appear in the Sunday bulletin. This year, there can be up to two dedications each week. Please sign up in the Altar Flower book in the Parish House. Checks should be made to St. Matthew's with "Flowers" in the memo line. For more information, contact Sonja in the parish office (welcome@stmatthewshillsborough.org).

Family Chapel during 10:30 Worship - After the wonderful response to Family Chapel during Lent, chapel will be offered through the season of Easter. Children and family members that would like to accompany them will gather near the entrance to the church to process to chapel. Those attending will rejoin the main service in time for Holy Communion.

Upcoming Habitat for Humanity Building Dates: Saturdays, May 4, 18 - We have joined with other faith communities in Hillsborough to build a home. If you'd like to help out, please visit <http://vhub.at/faithinhillsborough> or contact Charlie McCamy (charlesmccamy@gmail.com).

Spring Bicentennial Lecture Series: For more information about either of the presentations in the Spring lecture series, please contact Sonja Tilley in the parish office (welcome@stmatthewshillsborough.org).

- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY: Diocesan History Day - Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am** - With St. Matthew's early history so closely intertwined with the history of the NC Diocese, we hope to take a large group to the Diocesan History Day at *Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh*. The day will feature talks by *Brooks Graebner, Rev. Emeritus of St. Matthew's*, and *the Rev. Dr. Benjamin King, professor of Church History at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest*. Brooks' address is entitled, "Mad Jack: The turbulent life and times of John Stark Ravenscroft." Dr. King will set Ravenscroft's views in a larger historical framework in his address, "From Proslavery to Black Liberation: The Revolution in High Church Theology." Please visit www.episdionc.org/blog/registration-now-open-for-history-day-2024 to register **no later than April 21**. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. If you are interested in carpooling from St. Matthew's, please sign up in the Parish House or Fellowship Hall.
- **Hillsborough and Beyond: William Mercer Green's Mission Field in the 1820's: Thursday, May 2, 6:30 pm in the Church** - After History Day, Brooks Graebner+ will offer a follow-up lecture at St. Matthew's that connects our own history into what we learned at the Diocesan History Day. He will focus on the first rector of the St. Matthew's and his wide-ranging influence throughout the region. While it would be helpful to have attended History Day, it's not a prerequisite for attending Brooks' presentation.

Women's Singing Circle: Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 pm in the Church - The St. Matthew's Women's Singing Circle meets on the last Sunday of each month for a service of Compline and (mostly) a cappella singing. The Sunday Compline service is a monthly offering of fellowship and spiritual practice open to all interested women, whether members of St. Matthew's or not. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Rocap at maryrocap@maryrocap.com.

Spring Music Gala: Due to unforeseen circumstances, this event has been postponed until this fall. More information is forthcoming!

Heaven Practice - Joint Service with Area Churches: Sunday, April 28, 6:00 pm, Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church - Come to Piney Grove Missionary Baptist (1929 Piney Grove Church Rd.) for what will be great worship and great fellowship. The Rev. Tony Boss, pastor at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, eloquently says that for him, having mostly white and mostly black churches come together for worship was important because it was practicing for heaven, where all racial divides will be overcome and we will worship as one. As a result of our work on our parish history and deep entanglement from the beginning with slavery, Robert+ is enthusiastically behind this project, spearheaded by Piney Grove Missionary Baptist, Hillsborough Presbyterian, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Building relationships with other communities in Hillsborough by worshiping with them is a great way to practice now for our heavenly reality. This will be an ongoing event, with different churches hosting gatherings each quarter.

Beef Stew for OCIM - We need 34 more cans of stew to meet our goal of donating 175 cans to OCIM for the month of April. You can leave donations in the grocery cart in the Fellowship Hall or place them in the basket in the Parish House. For more information, contact Carolyn Parsley.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Spring Fundraisers for Meals on Wheels of Orange County (MOWOC) - If you're interested in how you might support MOWOC, they have two fundraisers planned for the Spring. The first, "Dining for Others," on May 16, is a delightful evening filled with food, fresh cocktails, and the opportunity to be with friends, old and new. The second is the opportunity to have flowers or a pop-up card delivered for Mother's Day. Please visit mowocnc.org/spring-fundraisers-2024 for more information.

ST. MATTHEW'S PRAYER LIST AND SCHEDULE

We invite you to pray each day for all who are sick or in any need as well as those who have special thanksgivings to offer. Please also pray for any events that are happening that day. Please contact Sonja Tilley to add or remove a name from the prayer list. Names will rotate weekly, and will rotate off automatically after seven weeks unless someone requests otherwise.

Monday (4/22) *Bob Ireland, Para Drake and the family of Wil Drake especially Weston, Daria, William, Jeanna, Kathy von St. Paul, Josh, Mary McCamy Beachum, Becki Horne*

- Archives (Cooke-Lawrence Room); 10:00 am
- Daughters of the King (Cooke-Lawrence Room); 5:00 pm
- Hebrew & Theology Study Groups (Fellowship Hall); 5:00 pm
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30 pm

Tuesday (4/23) *Kathy Coward, Kitty Harrison, Dennis Hagerman, Lindsay & Katie Efland, Laura Middlebrooks, Jennifer Peak*

- Morning Silence (Worship channel); 7:30 am
- Liturgy Meeting; 10:30 am
- Staff Meeting; 11:15 am
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30 pm

Wednesday (4/24) Alex Zychowicz & family, Melanie Maupin, Molly Zaragoza, Betsy Zaragoza, Champe Davis

- Morning Prayer (Worship channel); 8:00 am
- Memorial Service for Wil Drake (Church & Fellowship Hall); 2:00 pm
- Parish Choir; 6:15pm
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30 pm

Thursday (4/25) Carl & Janet Edwards, William Feifs, Sandy McBride, Harry Dula, Carol Parrent

- Social Ministries Meeting (Meeting channel); 12:00 noon
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30 pm

Friday (4/26) Tom Vail, Maddi Powers, Stephen & Lisa May Smoogen, Vi Rancer, Jay Wilson, Ruth Wiley and the family of Tom Roberts

- Morning Prayer (Worship channel); 8:00 am
- Theology Study Group (Formation channel); 10:00 am
- Compline (Worship channel); 8:30 pm

Saturday (4/27) Ann Burdette, The Tucker and Spurlock families, Ann Burton, the family of John Healy, Bill Wiley, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

- Diocesan History Day (Christ Church, Raleigh); 9:00 am

Sunday (4/28) Jim Fesperman, Benny Whitted, Camille Izlar, Weston Waldruff Hecht, Randy Campbell, Andy & Barrie Wallace

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church); 8:00 am
- Education Hour; 9:15 am
- Parish Choir (Church); 9:30am
- Youth Service: Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with music (Church & Worship channel); 10:30 am

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Office Hours: *Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm*

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