



St. Andrew's Dune Church



Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
August 23, 2026
Morning Prayer · 11 AM

12 Gin Lane | Southampton

MARYTON

H. PERCY SMITH, 1874

Not slow

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee In low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,



paths of ser - vics free; Tell me thy se - cret; help me
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward feet to



bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
stay, And guide them in the home-ward way. A - men.

3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broad'ning way,
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live. Amen.

WASHINGTON GLADDEN, 1879

— *Flower Dedications* —

The flowers on the altar today have been given in loving memory of:

Rose Sheppard Milbank, John Wade Sheppard,
Sandra Sheppard Rodgers, Gail Sheppard Moloney,
and William Muir Manger

by Lynn Sheppard Manger;

and,

Olga Page

by Barbara, Alan, Carter, Cece, and Camille Glatt.

May their souls, and all those of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

—*This Season at St. John's & St. Andrew's Dune Church* —

Need a Ride? We're Here to Help

St. John's is starting a new transportation ministry to help parishioners who may need a ride from time to time. Whether it's for a doctor's appointment, shopping, voting, or another important errand, please contact Kathy Cruickshank at 631-478-8122. Kathy will coordinate your request and help connect you with a volunteer driver. We're grateful for our volunteers and we feel blessed to be able to support our parishioners.

August Book Club Meeting | August 27 at 6 PM

The St. John's Book Club will meet in the St. John's Library on Thursday, August 27 at 6 PM to discuss "Raising Hare: A Memoir" by Chloe Dalton. Join us for a conversation about her transformative memoir. All are welcome – whether you've read the whole book or just want to listen and engage. We look forward to seeing you there!

America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

The Rev. Samuel Francis Smith

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Opening sentence and invitational

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence

Invitation for Confession

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, and make your humble confession unto Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

The Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Congregations Stands

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Venite, exultemus Domino.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

The Dune Church Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant that we who worship together where glorious dunes meet your unfathomable sea - be always mindful of your gifts to us of natural beauty, always respectful of your great power and mystery. As you have long dispatched rescuers from this station armed through prayer with thy strength, send forth today this congregation to aid all those who founder, that our lives, infused with thy spirit, will bear witness to the blessing of this community and bring glory to thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

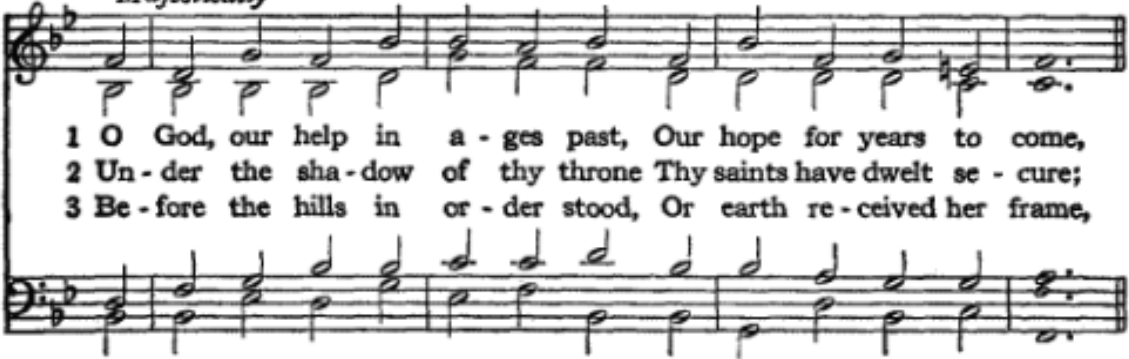
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Get to Know The Rev. Dr. Matthew Waterstone

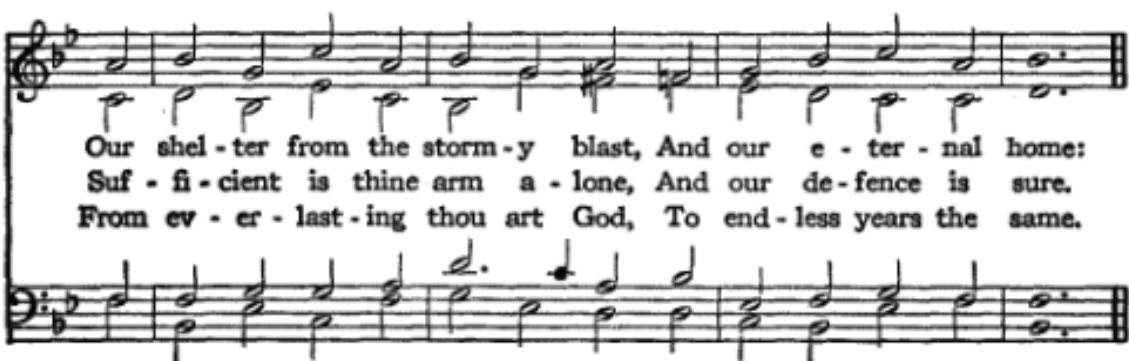
Pastor Matt began his ministry at The Reformed Church in October 2018. Previously, he served for 10 years as Senior Minister of the First Reformed Church in South Holland, IL, a suburb of Chicago. During his time there, he also served as chaplain to the South Holland Fire Department and an adjunct faculty member at Trinity Christian College in neighboring Palos Heights, IL. He is the author of the book “Dear Church: Letters to My First Church,” as well as many articles, blogs and podcasts. Ordained in the RCA and a native of Holland, MI, Matt graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hope College, and holds Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry degrees from Western Theological Seminary. Dr. Waterstone is also an accomplished athlete, having qualified for the Boston Marathon and completed three Ironman races. He has been married to his wife Sarah for 18 years, and they have two sons, Willem and Bram.

ST. ANNE
Majestically

WILLIAM CROFT, 1708



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the sha - dow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fence is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.

- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home. Amen.



A - men.

ISAAC WATTS, 1719; based on Psalm 90

For the LORD is a great God; *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth; *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it; *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God; *
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; *
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Psalm 124

- 1 IF the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may
Israel say; * if the LORD himself had not been on our
side, when men rose up against us;
- 2 They had swallowed us up alive; * when they were so
wrathfully displeased at us.
- 3 Yea, the waters had drowned us, * and the stream had
gone over our soul.
- 4 The deep waters of the proud * had gone even over
our soul.
- 5 But praised be the LORD, * who hath not given us
over for a prey unto their teeth.
- 6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of
the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we are delivered.
- 7 Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD, * who
hath made heaven and earth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; *
As it was from the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson

Romans 8:31-39

A Lesson from the letter by Saint Paul to the Romans.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth.
Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here endeth the lesson.

Benedictus es, Domine

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers:*
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty:*
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness:*
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: *
praised and exalted above all for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

A Lesson from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. Amen.**



WALTER CHALMERS SMITH, 1867, alt.

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Waterstone
*Senior Minister, The Reformed Church of Bronxville
Bronxville, NY*

The Offertory

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

A Prayer for Persons going to Sea

O Eternal God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; We commend to thy almighty protection, thy servants, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard them, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which they may be exposed. Conduct them in safety to the haven where they would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

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

Announcements

Sermon Hymn 301

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Welsh Melody;
adapted 1839

In moderate time

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In light in - ac -
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor want - ing, nor

ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high

An - cient of Days, Al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great Name we praise.
soar - ing a - bove Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is 'In moderate time'. The score is for two parts: a soprano/tenor part (treble clef) and a bass part (bass clef). The lyrics are provided for two versions: a first version and a second version. The first version starts with '1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In light in - ac -' and the second version starts with '2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor want - ing, nor'. The lyrics continue across three stanzas. The first stanza ends with 'ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high'. The second stanza ends with 'An - cient of Days, Al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great Name we praise. soar - ing a - bove Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.'

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: *
serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; *
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

**From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Suffrages

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for All in Civil Authority

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servants, and all others in authority; and so replenish them

with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way.

Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for all Conditions of Men

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves.

Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**