

*"To you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
who is the Messiah, the Lord."*

Luke 2:11





**St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole**
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***“To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons”***

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*“A word of special thanks to the children of the
parish for designing our bulletin cover.”*

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

11:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

Prelude: "In dulci jubilo" Marcel Dupré

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10-18*

Hymn 123: "Once in royal David's city" IRBY
..... descant by David Willcocks

The Bidding Prayer (*please remain standing*)

My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger. As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us find new hope in the promise that God is with us. As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh, let us join with the song of angels and saints and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise. But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry, and those among us who find that there is no room for them at the inn. Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those on the edges of our society. Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved. And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the nations, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church, that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth has already begun. With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds and wise men, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

Silence

The Collect *(please remain standing)*

Celebrant: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Rebellion against God

Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the

days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Carol: ""Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"Elizabeth Poston

Second Lesson: God makes a covenant with Abraham

Genesis 22:15-18

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Carol: "Whence is this goodly fragrance"French Traditional, Arranged by David Braund

Third Lesson: The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn 151 "All poor folk and humble" Welsh Traditional

Fourth Lesson: The Angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary

Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I,

the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Carol: "Gabriel's Message"Basque, arr. Edgar Pettman

Hymn: 126 "Away In A Manger"CRADLE SONG

Fifth Lesson: The birth of Jesus

Luke 2: 1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol: "Rise up, shepherd, and follow"Spiritual

Hymn 136 "While shepherds watched" WINCHESTER OLD

.....descant by Alan Gray

Sixth Lesson: The shepherds go to the manger

Luke 2: 8-16

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Hymn: 118 (v1-5) "O come, all ye faithful"ADESTE FIDELES
..... arranged by Sir David Willcocks

Christmas Gospel:

St John unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of your Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev Lisa Newland

The Peace *(please stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: 121 "O little town of Bethlehem"..... FOREST GREEN
.....descant by Thomas Armstrong

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your

presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving communion may wish to receive a blessing instead. To indicate this to the priest, please cross your hands over your chest. Communicants who do not wish to drink from the chalice should not dip the bread into the cup. Instead, after eating the bread, cross your hands over your chest as the chalice bearer passes by, or make a sign of reverence by gently touching the base of the chalice when it is presented to you. Those drinking from the chalice are asked to assist the chalice bearer by grasping it at the base and guiding it to their lips.

Any children wishing to receive from the chalice are encouraged to stand to assist the chalice bearer.

Communion Hymn: 149 "All my heart this night rejoices" EBELING

Motet: "Rocking"Czech Carol

Post Com. Hymn: 119 "Silent night! Holy night!"STILLE NACHT

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Celebrant: Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 138 "Hark! The herald angels sing" MENDELSSOHN
..... descant by Sir David Willcocks

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "In dulci jubilo" J. S. Bach

ASSISTING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Newland

Readers:

Bidding Prayer Joe Smith

Lesson 1 Robbie Roberts

Lesson 2 Virendra Singh

Lesson 3 Steve O'Keefe

Lesson 4 Angela Braund

Lesson 5 Andrew Barker

Lesson 6 Claudette Blake

Christmas Gospel: The Ven. Kyn Barker

Sidespeople: Val Seales Team

Server: Joe Smith

Chalice: Steve O'Keefe

Altar Guild: Norma Walker Roberts, Virendra Singh

Isaiah 9:2-7

The birth and naming of children play an important role at the heart of the material most strongly associated with First Isaiah, also known as Isaiah of Jerusalem (chs.1-12). In chapter 7 Isaiah challenges the fearful King Ahaz to trust in God in the midst of the threat of the Syro-Ephraimite war coalition (735 BCE). Isaiah points to a young woman in court and says. "See, this young woman is pregnant, and her child shall be called Immanuel, God with Us; and by the time the child is able to know how to choose good over evil, the kings who threaten you will be conquered and their lands deserted." In chapter 8, Isaiah himself fathers a child by a prophetess, and the child is given another symbolic name, Maher-shalal-hashbaz, which means "Spoil speeds, Prey hastens" as a prediction of the coming judgement of God through the invading Assyrian army. And in chapter 9, Isaiah speaks once again of the coming birth of a child. In the midst of the darkness and destruction of a violent world, he sings of the promise of a new ruler for the Davidic line who will bring peace, justice and right-dealing. Isaiah may have been speaking of the birth of Hezekiah, Ahaz's son, but from early times Christians have understood this also to be speaking about the coming of another child into our dark violent world, Jesus, the Prince of Peace in whom all God's longed-for promises are fulfilled in our midst.

[Walter Deller/2017]

Next Sunday's Readings ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Matthew 2:1-12



**THE CHRISTMAS GREENERY AND PLANTS
are given to the glory of God and**

Laurel Allen	In memory of departed loved ones
Margaret Allen	In memory brother Bradford, and grandmother Clarice Montague, and Angeline Hamilton
Barker Family	In memory of Elva and Jack Edmiston and Jill Reeve
Claudette Blake and family	In memory of loved ones
Harold and June Browne	In memory of loved ones
Nancy Camps	In memory of loved ones
Victoria and Maurice Charles	In loving memory of our parents, brothers and sisters
The Huk Danelesko Family	In memory of loved ones
Vivienne Fetherston	In memory of John Fetherston, Gertrude Smith and Charles and George
Norm and Mary Fox	In loving memory of loved ones
Beverley Griffiths	In memory of James and Beryl Griffiths
Georgina Hew	In memory of her mother, Pamela
Atheline Hunte	In memory of loved ones
Rudolf and Sally-Anne Hrica	In memory of Helen and Palo
Judy and Ted Jackson	In memory of loved ones
B. James	In memory of loved ones
The Jansz family	In memory of Monica and Aubrey Jansz, and Sharon Prashad
Douglas Jacques	In loving memory of Nancy Jacques, wife and mother



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are given to the glory of God and**

Donna Lam, Diana Ewert-Lam, Philip, Rebekah and Matthew Lam	In loving memory of Barbara and Alfred Lam, Gertrude and Arthur Van Ryck deGroot, and Eunice and Neville Luck
Keith and Delores Lawrance	In memory of Our parents, Hortense and Harold Lawrence, Frank and Lillian Dussard
Jo-Anne, Lori-Jo and Kelly McMath	In memory of Ken McMath
The McQuistons	In memory of Tom McQuiston
Paula and Gord Mount and family	In loving memory of departed loved ones
Rev. Lisa, Geoff, Paige and Colin Newland	In loving memory of our aunt & great aunt, Elizabeth Bailey
Stephen and Jane O'Keefe	In memory of our parents, our brother-in-law, Bill, and our friend Gavin
Ann Padmore	In memory of Winnie Padmore
Indranee Seevaratnam	In memory of Lavan Seevaratnam
Val and Elan Seales	In loving memory of Colville and Muriel Seales, and Cecil and Evangeline Williams
Sylvia Sutherland	In memory of Gladys and Samuel Thomas, Sylvia's parents
Joy Walker	In loving memory of the Walker family, Mom and Dad
Cecile Weil	In memory of Eric and Mavis Spence, and Karl and Ella Weil
Ian and Shirley Young	In memory of departed loved ones

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

Today		
Christmas Eve	4:30 p.m.	Family Service with Pageant and Holy Eucharist
	11:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day, Monday, 25th	10:00 a.m.	Communion Service with Carols
The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, 31st	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:00 a.m.	Sung Communion Service, incense will be used
January 2018		
The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, 7th	8:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	10:00 a.m.	Sung Communion Service
Tuesday, 9th	7:30 p.m.	Advisory Board Meeting
Saturday, 13th	1:30- 4:00 p.m.	Social Justice & Advocacy Vestry Motion Workshop
Sunday, 21st	4:30 p.m.	Collation of Arch Deacons and installation of Canons at St. James Cathedral
Sunday 28th	7:30 p.m.	Organ Recital by David Braund

Note: There will be no 5:00 p.m. service today and Sunday, Dec. 31st.
The 5:00 p.m. Service will resume on Sunday, January 7th, 2018.

There will be no Sunday School **today** as the children will be participating in the pageant in the afternoon and there will be no Sunday School for the duration of the school holiday. Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, January 14th 2018.**

RECTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Rev. Lisa's Sabbath day is Mondays. Rev. Lisa's office hours are generally 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Tuesdays – Thursdays at the church. Fridays are a home office day for sermon preparation. She may be reached through the church office at 416-494-7020 ext. 2 or at 416-756-9130 outside of office hours.

CHURCH ASSISTANT'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: Noon. – 6:00 p. m.

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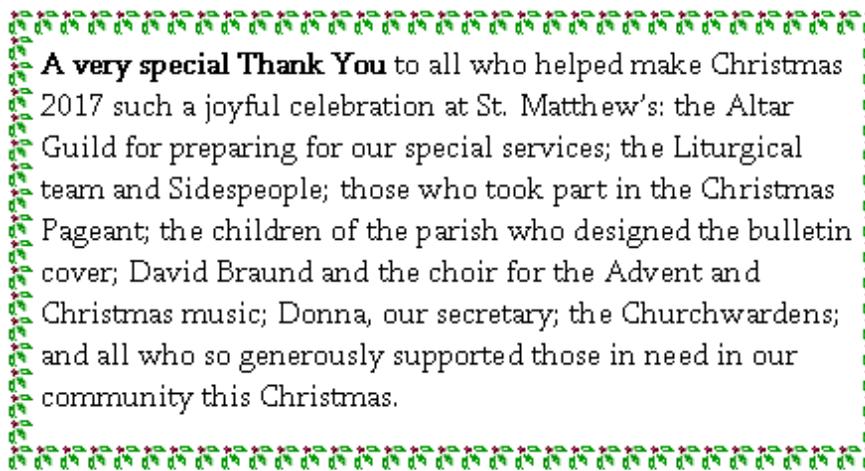
Christmas Greetings: On this happy festival of Christmas, we want to thank you all for your many cards, delicious treats and the kindnesses and expressions of goodwill which we have received. We wish all of you the richest blessings of this Holy Season and throughout the coming year.

Rev. Lisa, Geoff, Paige and Colin Newland



Your Churchwardens wish you and yours
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON

Val Seales Margaret Allen
Norma Walker Roberts
Kakra Winful
Raine Liliefeldt



A very special Thank You to all who helped make Christmas 2017 such a joyful celebration at St. Matthew's: the Altar Guild for preparing for our special services; the Liturgical team and Sidespeople; those who took part in the Christmas Pageant; the children of the parish who designed the bulletin cover; David Braund and the choir for the Advent and Christmas music; Donna, our secretary; the Churchwardens; and all who so generously supported those in need in our community this Christmas.