



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

Come. See. Journey.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11th, 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist
with Church School

5:00 p.m. Evening Service
with Holy Eucharist



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***"To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons"***

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)

WE WELCOME YOU TODAY TO
ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE - ORIOLE ANGLICAN CHURCH

*We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. We follow the Order of Service in the green **Book of Alternative Services**, found in the pew, beginning on p. 230.*

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m. CHORAL EUCHARIST (BAS)
The Gathering of the Community

We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. The entire service is printed in the bulletin with the exception of the hymns which are found in the blue Common Praise book in your pew. We offer a Nursery program for infants as well as a Sunday School program for toddlers and children during the service. Following the first hymn the children are invited to come forward for a talk about one of the Bible readings of the day. They then go out for Nursery (in the Welcome Room) or Sunday School (in the Fellowship Hall) for their own time of worship and learning and return just before communion. If your child would prefer to remain in the service they are most welcome. We also have activity bags available from the Sidespeople for the children's use during the service.

Prelude: "Faithful Cross, above all other" David Braund

Introit: "Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit" M. Haugen

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hymn 386 "When I survey the wondrous cross"ROCKINGHAM

Please remain standing. The celebrant greets the community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

**All: Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(please remain standing)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Chant: George Black p. 852

Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of

flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 510 "You have passed by" PIEDS EN L'AIR

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." *(John 3:14-21)*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Lisa Newland

The Apostles' Creed *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: 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.

Prayers of the people *(Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer and are able.)*

Litanist: Forgive us where we go astray,

People: and keep us on the path of life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence for reflection is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 509 "Precious Lord, take my hand"PRECIOUS LORD

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.

Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, 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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, " Take,

eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All : 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

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 53 "Now the silence, now the peace" NOW

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Recessional Hymn 602 "Lift high the cross" CRUCIFER

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "If thou wilt but suffer God to guide thee" J. S. Bach

CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury and The Church of England

Diocese: The people and clergy of Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Deanery: Church of the Incarnation

Parish: Families of ***Bruiners, Cameron, Camps***

ASSISTING TODAY

Sidespersons:	8:00 a.m.	Veronica Edwards-Williams
	10:00 a.m.	Robbie Roberts Team
Readers:	8:00 a.m.	Veronica Edwards-Williams, Sally-Anne Hrica
	10:00 a.m.	Bonnie LaRue, Sylvia Sutherland
Intercessor:	8:00 a.m.	Susan Porter
	10:00 a.m.	Val Seales
Server:	10:00 a.m.	TBD
Chalice:	8:00 a.m.	Susan Porter
	10:00 a.m.	Ray James
Altar Guild:		Wendy Blatchford, Victoria Charles

Easter Flowers

The Altar Guild will decorate the Church with flowers at Easter. If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers please put it in an orange Seasonal Flowers Donation and Request Envelope (located in the Narthex), fill in ALL the details on the front of the envelope and put it on the collection plate by **Sunday March 25th**. Donations may be in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin if they are received by the deadline.

Numbers 21:4-9

Perhaps because it is mid-Lent, our Old Testament readings pause in the sequence of covenant passages, and takes us to an episode from Numbers, the fourth book of the Torah (Instruction/Law), that recounts the wandering of the newly freed Israelites in the deserts for forty years. Caught in an ecology and a life utterly unlike that they had known in Egypt, they continue to complain, and in the central chapters of the book they also fight and squabble among each other over leadership and power. In Numbers 21 that internal backbiting, and hurting of each other takes a symbolic form as the people's internal spiritual state is lived out in scorpions that bite and sting them. The people begin to die. God commands Moses to create a large bronze or copper alloy serpent and put it on a pole so that people can look at it and be relieved of their suffering and live. It's not very clear what is happening here. Does seeing the thing that is destroying us help us resist and throw it off? Or perhaps the copper in the serpent actually rots away (as happens in some climactic conditions), so that people see an image as they gaze of how their community is being eaten up and dissolving itself. In John's gospel, Jesus alludes to this passage as a sign of his own cross and suffering at the hands of human beings. To look at Christ's cross enables us to see the things that are destroying us, and causing us to destroy other people and the world. Unless we do so, like the Israelites in the wilderness we cannot save be saved from death.

[Walter Deller/2018]

PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

For week of March 11th, 2018

SENIORS' YOUNG AT HEART CLUB AT INCARNATION ~ Tuesday, March 13, 12:30 p.m. Beyond the Nuts and Bolts. Toronto's Engineering Past presented by Rick Ross. Sponsored by Delmanor Northtown

EASTER EGG HUNT ~ After the 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Service on April 1. Once again we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. In order to offset some of the cost for the Easter bunny, we are gratefully receiving financial donations towards this event. If you would like to make a contribution please designate it as "Easter Egg Hunt" on the envelope/cheque. Monies received will be used to purchase a variety of chocolate eggs, Resurrection eggs (plastic eggs with a jube-jube and Easter message inside) and baskets for the children to collect their eggs in.

CHILDREN'S HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EVENT ~ Saturday, March 24th, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Children and their parents/grandparents/guardians are invited to a morning of fun and activities as we prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. Join us for palm cross making, crafts, baking and the planting of an Easter Garden to be placed in the church as part of the Easter decorations. Please let Rev. Lisa know if you are planning to attend.

NEW DATE: CONCERT FUNDRAISER ~ Saturday, April 21st. 7:00 p.m. Pannist, Joy Lapps and her jazz quintet will headline the evening, debuting some of her newly written compositions. Tickets will be available this week. Adults: \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door, Youth: \$15.00 and \$20.00 at the door, children under 12 no charge. Those who purchased tickets for the Christmas Concert can use those tickets for the Spring Concert, and are eligible for a \$10.00 refund at the door, please let the [office](#) know in advance if you would like one.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Wednesdays 14 th & 21 st	10:00.a.m.	Lenten Study – Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John
Thursday, 22 nd	7:00 p.m.	Men's Night at Windfield's Restaurant, 801 York Mills Rd. Contact Dennis Chalmers (416) 502-3145
Saturday, 24 th	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Children's Holy Week and Easter Activity Day, Making of Palm Crosses
April		
Thursday, 12 th	7:00 p.m.	Newcomers Sponsorship Meeting
Saturday, 21 st	7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert (<i>see page 13</i>)
Sunday 29 th	After the 10:00 a.m. service 7:30 p.m.	Growing Healthy Stewards meeting Organ recital by David Braund

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



March 25 - APRIL 1, 2018

25 th	Palm Sunday Procession & reading of Passion Narrative	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
26 th	Monday Holy Eucharist followed by light lunch	11:00 a.m.
27 th	Tuesday Holy Eucharist	7:30 p.m.
28 ^h	Wednesday Stations of the Cross with Holy Eucharist	7:00 p.m.
29 th	Maundy Thursday Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist & Stripping of Altar	7:30 p.m.
30 th	Good Friday Service & Children's Program	10:00 a.m.
31 st	Saturday Great Vigil of Easter	7:30 p.m.
1 st	Easter Sunday Easter Egghunt following the 10:00 a.m. service	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. No 5:00 p.m. service

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.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Parish Officers

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Peoples' Warden

Deputy Wardens

Office/Rentals

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Sidespeople 8:00

10:00

Music Director/Organist

Church School

Nursery

Altar Guild Chair

Flowers

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