



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

Come. See. Journey.

Harvest Thanksgiving
October 11, 2020

SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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***“To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons”***

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Today at St. Matthew

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Online at www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube
on the Monday after the service

Harvest Thanksgiving

10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)

We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. The entire service is printed in the bulletin. Unfortunately, we are not able to safely offer children's programs at this time. Consequently, our Nursery program for infants as well as a Sunday School program for toddlers and children is not offered during the service at this time. Children are welcome to join their family in church. We have papers and pencils/markers for kids to use in church and then take home with them available from the Sidespeople.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: "Schmüke Dich, O liebe seele"Johannes Brahms
Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *Psalm 126.6*

PLEASE NOTE: *The Diocese of Toronto's protocol around COVID-19 has temporarily suspended all singing by the congregation.*

Hymn 262 "Come, ye thankful people"ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Please stand. The celebrant greets the community

Officiant: 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.

Glory to God (sung by the Choir)

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*please remain standing*)

Officiant: Let us pray.

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joel (2:21-27)

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126.....Chant: C. V. Stanford

Reader: Second Lesson: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (2:1-7)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 258 "We plough the fields".....WIR PFLÜGEN

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you--you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

(Matthew 6:25-33)

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Canon John Wilton

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the**

giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Leader: O God, Our Peace;

People: Hear Our Prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this Table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(silence)

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.

Officiant: 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.)*

At this time, the Diocese of Toronto protocol around COVID-19 (Coronavirus) asks that we share words and smiles only, not handshakes or hugs.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

For now, the collection plate will no longer be passed around. Those wishing to, can leave their givings on the plate, on the table, in the middle of the centre aisle as they leave the church.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SAID)

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(said)*

Celebrant: Let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (sung by the Choir)

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the form of bread only. Those not receiving communion may wish to receive a blessing instead. To indicate this to the priest, please cross your hands over your chest.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Diocese of Toronto's protocol around COVID-19 has temporarily suspended the sharing of the common cup at celebrations of the Eucharist. Please follow the direction of the sidespersons when receiving communion.*

Hymn: 518 "O Christ, who holds the open gate" QUI TENET

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.

Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 399 "Now thank we all our God" NUN DANKET

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Nun danket alle Gott" Sigfrid Karg-Ellert

CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda
Diocese: Bishop David Lehmann, the clergy and people
of the Diocese of Caledonia
Deanery: St. Christopher, North York & Richmond Hill
Parish: Families of ***Rowe, Rowell, Rowswell & Sabourin***

ASSISTING TODAY

Sidesperson: Val Seales
Reader / Intercessor: Robbie Roberts
Prayers of the People: Prepared by Kathy Chalmers
Altar Guild: Gwynne Barker

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: ~ If there are people for whom the parish should be praying, please e-mail Archdeacon Kyn (barkerk@rogers.com) or leave a message at 416-494-7020 Ext. 3.

IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE: ~ Please contact Fr. John at revjwilton@gmail.com or at the office 416-494-7020 Ext. 2

TO REGISTER FOR 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICES: ~ <http://stmatthew.ca/sundayservices> or leave a detailed message with the date you would like to attend church, your full name and phone number at 416-494-7020 Ext. 1.

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Joel 2:21-27

Joel is the second in the collection of short prophetic books known as The Twelve that closes our Old Testament. It is a short book that can be read aloud in its entirety in about 10-15 minutes. It is a rich and rewarding book to read because it gives us glimpses of how prophetic books came to be formed and edited over time, and it gives us one of the few clear pictures of the rituals of public mourning and repentance at times of national crisis in ancient Israel. Joel opens with an account of a locust plague that is destroying the land. Scientists have discovered that in some parts of North Africa and the Middle East ordinary grasshoppers under certain conditions suddenly transform themselves physically en masse into a flying army that consumes everything in its path. In Joel, we see what starts as a locust plague (ch 1:1-12) transform itself in the same fashion, first into the human army, likely the Assyrians, advancing on Israel (ch 2:2-9), and then that human army becomes a fore-runner of the Lord's hosts on the final Day of the Lord (2:10-11). At the heart of the book are two cycles of public call to mourning, fasting and communal lament prayers (1:13-20, and 2:15-17). The book closes with the oracles of hope and deliverance that likely concluded the communal ritual ((2:19ff), and it is from these divine words of comfort and promise that today's reading is drawn. What is interesting is that in these oracles God first addresses the soil and the animals, as if they are as important or even more important than humans, and as if they too suffer when natural calamities strike. Following these oracles of hope, the post-exilic editors of the book have then added visions of the coming of the ultimate reign of God at the end of all time. Peter quotes from this book in his sermon on Pentecost (Acts 2) and we can see parallels in the last part of Joel with other material in the apocalyptic (revelatory) genre such as Daniel and the Revelation to John.

[Dr. Walter Deller/2020]

RECTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

The Rev. Canon John Wilton's office hours are generally 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the church. He may be reached through the church office at 416-494-7020 ext. 2 or at 416-498-7921 outside of office hours, or by email at revjwilton@gmail.com

CHURCH ASSISTANT'S VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: The office is open to visitors by appointment only.
Please email the office@stmatthew.ca to make an appointment.



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