

Sixth Sunday after PentecostJuly 9th, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. (Said) Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. (Sung) Holy Eucharist



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"To Seek and Serve Christ in all persons"

Priest and Pastor: The Rev. Sherri Golisky Archdeacon: The Venerable Kyn Barker Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Canon John Wilton Music Director & Organist: Mr. David Braund

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Today at St. Matthew

Holy Eucharist (8:00 a.m.) Holy Eucharist (10:00 a.m.)

We Livestream our 10:00 a.m. service at www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)

We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church.

- masking is optional.
- we continue to run an air-purifier during services
- distanced seating is available in south side pews

We have activity packages for children to use in church during the service and are available from the Sidespeople. Our Messy Church program runs monthly on a Saturday morning.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth. Sentence:

who has revealed these things to the simple.

The Greeting

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of

the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: 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.

GLORIA

All: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (please remain standing)

Celebrant: Let us pray (a moment of silence is taken)

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and

the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beerlahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his (Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67) mother's death.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 45: 11-18 Chant: George Blackp. 762

Nations shall praise you for ever and ever.

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that

when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

(Romans 7:15-25a)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 508 "I heard the voice of Jesus say"kingsfold

The Holy Gospel

Archdeacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Archdeacon: Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting

in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)

Archdeacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Sherri Golisky

The Apostles' Creed

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 (as announced)

(Please stand, sit, or kneel as is most prayerful and comfortable for you.)

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: 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).

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.

You are invited to share a word of peace with others in the congregation.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: 556 "O for a closer walk with God"......CAITHNESS

Prayer Over the Gifts (please stand)

Celebrant: God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us

for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the

source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we

praise you, joining 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

All:

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.

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. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

THE COMMUNION

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (Sung)

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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.

Hymn: 78 "Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness"schmücke dich

Prayer after Communion (*Please stand*)

Celebrant: O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in

your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ

our Lord. 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.

Announcements

Blessing

Hymn: 403 "Let all things now living" THE ASH GROVE

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week's Readings ~ Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34 Romans 8:1-11 Psalm 19:105-112 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Anglican Church of Canada: The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop,

and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Brandon

Diocese: Mission to Seafarers Deanery: Advent Lutheran

Parish: Families of Reid, Bryan Reynolds & Norma Reynolds

ASSISTING TODAY

Sidespersons: The Nigel Jansz Team

Readers: Sylvia Sutherland, Judy Jackson

Intercessor: The Venerable Kyn Barker

Altar Guild: Claudette Blake Livestreaming: Robbie Roberts

Liturgical texts:

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Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The narrative in today's reading tells of the search for a wife for Abraham's son Isaac. It is one of the longest chapters and single narrative units in the entire Hebrew Bible, and is

carefully structured around a series of repeated motifs, the servant's promises to Abraham and prayers to God, the fulfillment of of the signs asked of God. The careful structuring suggests that this chapter may have been written at a late period, drawing on older traditions, to round out the Abraham cycle (Genesis 12-25:11) and emphasize key themes. Our lectionary selection picks up in the middle of the story, though because of the repetitions, we do hear many of the themes of the entire chapter. One is Abraham's desire that his son not go back to the land of Aram to the northeast (modern day Syria). Having made the choice to follow God's call to a new place, he wants the break with the old to be complete. But at the same time, the story draws on a later biblical theme, perhaps from the period of the return of the people to Judah in the Persian period. Abraham also does not want his son to marry into the Canaanite culture that now surrounds them. The story also emphasizes God's providence: the elderly servant prays that God will send a sign of the right bride, and suddenly Rebekah appears doing exactly as the servant had described. And surprise! she is a close relative of Abraham's so acceptable as a possible bride! As well, the story foreshadows a later development in the book. Her brother, Laban, tries to delay the servant from taking her back to be married, but she chooses to go. In the next cycle of stories, Rebekah's own son, Jacob, has to flee his brother's anger and spend time in Aram with his uncle, Laban, Laban also tries to prevent Jacob from returning to Canaan with his wives, Rachel and Leah, who are Laban's daughters. [Dr. Walter Deller/2023]

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Parish News

Our MESSY CHURCH program (Church that is fun, for all ages!) and next FAMILY SERVICE will resume in September, but we plan to have a BBQ together in the summer. Stay connected with upcoming dates by following us on Facebook, through our webpage, or email us or speak to a Sidesperson to join the weekly parish distribution list! office@stmatthew.ca

EVENING PRAYER ~ will be held in person at the church on **Tuesday 11th** at 5:00 p.m. in person at the church. All are welcome!

<u>BIBLE STUDY</u> ~ **Wednesday, July 12th** and then we will break for the remainder of July and August. On Zoom. All are welcome! Zoom link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87313248827?pwd=SE9VbGlOZkxOaGt6OE5SWElMenBPZz09

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN TO VISITORS ~ Tuesdays from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. via the main South door. Please ring the Bell outside the East wing door (on the left frame) for entry.

PASTORAL CARE: ~ If in need of pastoral support, please contact Reverend Sherri priest-stmatthewtheapostleoriole@toronto.anglican.ca, or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call (416) 880 – 4211.

Oriole Foodspace

Oriole Foodspace is our local foodbank, located at the Oriole Community Centre. Several parishioners volunteer, and we've contributed food through the "Reverse Advent Calendar" food drive.

If you wish to donate, the particular needs at the foodbank are:

✓ Beans

✓ Canned Fruits

✓ Rice

✓ Flour- small or medium packages

✓ Juice (any)

✓ Cereals

A cash donation is also valuable so they can purchase what they need, in bulk.



Opportunities to serve!

There are many ministry opportunities open at St. Matthew. We need your help! If you would like to learn more, speak to Rev. Sherri or one of the wardens. The opportunities include but are not limited to... Sidespeople, Greeters, Live-Streaming Support, Counters, Messy Church, Children and Youth, Hospitality, Altar Guild, Readers, Intercessors, Choir Members and Instrumentalists, and more.



Reverend Sherri will be away on vacation from July 17 to August 7th inclusively, returning on Tuesday, August 8th.

In case of pastoral emergency in her absence, please contact your churchwardens Val at (416) 490-0943, (416) 419-3398 or Steve (416) 529-6173.



Pub Knights

July 14th 6:30 0- 8:00 p.m.

Come out and meet friends from our neighbouring Anglican churches. Every 2nd Friday of the month.

St. George on Yonge invites you to meet at The Frog, A Firkin Pub, 4854 Yonge St. (Sheppard & Yonge.)

e-Transfer

We Accept



In addition to the six ways you can donate, we're pleased to announce that we now have an additional way of giving available - **e-Transfer.**

The email for the eTransfer is treasurerstmatt@gmail.com
The question is "What is the Name of Rev. Sherri's dog?" Answer: Toby.

Other ways of giving include:

- ✓ You can arrange Pre-Authorized Giving here on our website.
- ✓ You can put your cheque or cash in the Black Mail box (locked) at the George Henry entrance.
- ✓ You can mail in your cheque.
- ✓ Your weekly/monthly envelope in church, and,
- ✓ You can give online through CanadaHelps

We invite you to give as you can to the life and ministry of St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole, and we are thankful for your generosity.

The Spirit of Joyful Giving speaks to a regular offering (giving back to God) that is both Sacrificial and Proportionate (to one's earnings), which helps us to acknowledge that we place our trust and security in God alone.

If you would like more information on becoming a regular giver, for example receiving your own weekly or monthly set of envelopes or **registering for pre-authorized giving**, please speak to one of our sidespeople at a Sunday service who can direct you to a Chuchwarden, or reach out to our treasurer Sandra Lumb directly by email at treasurer@stmatthew.ca

You can also sign up for pre-authorized giving via our Webpage https://stmatthew.ca/give/

PRIEST & PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

You may reach the Rev. Sherri by email at priest-stmatthewtheapostleoriole@toronto.anglican.ca, or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. Sherri's day off is Monday. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call (416) 880 – 4211.

CHURCH ASSISTANT'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: The office is open to visitors by appointment only. Please email the office at stmatthewtheapostleoriole@toronto.anglican.ca or

office@stmatthew.ca to make an appointment.

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