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# **Today at St. Matthew**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist | 10:00 a.m. Family Service with Holy Eucharist

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We Livestream our 10:00 a.m. service on our YouTube channel at <u>www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube</u>

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Season of Creation 10:00 a.m. Family Service with HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)

We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. Our current COVID-19 Protocols:

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

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

### **Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Lesson**

#### Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in Egypt: "This month is to be the first month of the year for you. Give these instructions to the whole community of Israel: On the tenth day of this month each man must choose either a lamb or a young goat for his household. If his family is too small to eat a whole animal, he and his next-door neighbor may share an animal, in proportion to the number of people and the amount that each person can eat. You may choose either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a one-year-old male without any defects. Then, on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, the whole community of Israel will kill the animals. The people are to take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts and above the doors of the houses in which the animals are to be eaten. That night the meat is to be roasted, and eaten with bitter herbs and with bread made without yeast. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled, but eat it roasted whole, including the head, the legs, and the internal organs. You must not leave any of it until morning; if any is left over, it must be burned. You are to eat it quickly, for you are to be dressed for travel, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. It is the Passover Festival to honor me, the LORD. "On that night I will go through the land of Egypt, killing every first-born male, both human and animal, and punishing all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood on the doorposts will be a sign to mark the houses in which you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and will not harm you when I punish the Egyptians. You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the LORD, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come." (Exodus 12:1-14)

Reader:Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.All:Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

Leader: Sing a new song to the LORD; praise him in the assembly of his faithful people!

All: Be glad, Israel, because of your Creator; rejoice, people of Zion, because of your king!

Leader: Praise his name with dancing; play drums and harps in praise of him.

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All: The LORD takes pleasure in his people; he honors the humble with victory.

- Leader: Let God's people rejoice in their triumph and sing joyfully all night long.
- All: Let them shout aloud as they praise God, with their sharp swords in their hands
- Leader: to defeat the nations and to punish the peoples; to bind their kings in chains, their leaders in chains of iron;
- All: to punish the nations as God has commanded. This is the victory of God's people. Praise the LORD!

### Second Lesson

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

Be under obligation to no one—the only obligation you have is to love one another. Whoever does this has obeyed the Law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery; do not commit murder; do not steal; do not desire what belongs to someone else"—all these, and any others besides, are summed up in the one command, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." If you love others, you will never do them wrong; to love, then, is to obey the whole Law. You must do this, because you know that the time has come for you to wake up from your sleep. For the moment when we will be saved is closer now than it was when we first believed. The night is nearly over, day is almost here. Let us stop doing the things that belong to the dark, and let us take up weapons for fighting in the light. (Romans 13:8-12)

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

### People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 405 "Alleluia" .....ALLELUIA NO. 1

### 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, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member

listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:15-20)

Archdeacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All Ages Teaching: 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 comfortable and prayerful for you.)

#### 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

Offertory Hymn 614 "Forgive our sins as we forgive" ......DETROIT

#### Prayer Over the Gifts (please stand)

Celebrant: Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** 

#### The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant:	The Lord be with you
<b>People:</b>	And also with you.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
<b>People:</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<b>People:</b>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Celebrant:	Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory, singing:
All:	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your alory. Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is the One

are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

> Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith:

#### All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name 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: 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.

#### 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:** 65 "Here, Lord we take the broken bread" ...... ST. COLUMBA Motet: "Lead me, Lord" ...... Samuel Sebastian Wesley

#### Prayer after Communion (Please stand)

Celebrant: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 I Danced in the Morning

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on. Dance then wherever you may be...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And left me there on a Cross to die. Dance then wherever you may be...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on. Dance then wherever you may be...

They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Dance then wherever you may be...

#### DISMISSAL

Archdeacon:Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.Postlude:"Prelude and Fugue in G minor".....Dietrich Buxtehude

► Join us for our Coffee Hour following the service ◀

#### Next Week's Readings ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31Psalm 114Romans 14:1-12Matthew 18:21-35

### CYCLE OF PRAYER

Anglican Communion: The Church of Ireland Anglican Church of Canada: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon Diocese: Religious Communities of the Diocese of Toronto (SSJD & OHC)

Deanery: St. John, Willowdale

Parish: Families of Tanganika, Ting-a-Kee & Tromba

#### Assisting Today

Sidespersons:	The Elan Seales Team
Greeters:	Ezra, Ladanian
Crucifer:	Kaenen
Readers:	Chris, Shanycia
Psalm Leader:	Nia
Intercessors:	Nevaeh, Zora
Gift Bearer:	Ladanian, Kaenen
Altar Guild:	Gwynne Barker
Livestreaming:	Robbie Roberts

#### Liturgical texts:

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#### Exodus 12:1-14

Exodus is the second book of the Jewish Torah (Instruction or Law), also sometimes referred to as the Pentateuch from the Greek name, "Five Books." Exodus recounts the story of God's bringing the Israelite people out of Egypt, forming them into a community and people, giving them a Law that will enable them to live in justice and

mercy, and enabling them to create a Tabernacle, a travelling Holy Space by which God can continue present with them as they journey. Today's reading leaps over the account of the great confrontation between Moses, called by God to lead the Hebrew people into freedom, and Pharoah, the hard-hearted ruler of Egypt, with its stateorganized slavery, oppression and genocide. Pharaoh imagines himself to be a god, and all-powerful, and despite a series of plagues that one by one attack the roots of the entire Egyptian economy of oppression and injustice, Pharaoh will not back down and set the Israelites free. In a final confrontation, God announces that as Pharaoh exists by the genocide of the Hebrew children, so all the firstborn of Egypt will be stricken dead in one night. Our reading today tells of the ritual meal the Israelites will eat before they flee Egypt, and will eat every year as an act of remembrance. Exodus 12-13 connects this meal of lamb with the blood marking the Hebrews' houses so that God will pass over them, with the rituals of a week of eating unleavened bread, and with the requirement that in perpetuity, the Israelites must consecrate all their firstborn males to God. All three rituals are reminders of God's mighty acts in delivering them from slavery into freedom. But the offering of the firstborn also serves as a permanent reminder that the cost of their freedom was the death of Egyptians.

[Dr. Walter Deller/2023





**MESSY CHURCH:** Our next Messy Church gathering will celebrate our Patron Saint / St. Matthew Day on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. Messy Church is church that is fun, for all ages! It is a form of church that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. Parents/grandparents are asked to remain with children. RSVP

with all names, and the ages of children by Tuesday Sept. 19th by emailing office@stmatthew.ca

**TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER** ~ **September 12th. 7:00 p.m.** Join us for a half-hour reflective service every Tuesday evening, using the tradition of Compline (or "Night Prayer"). Come pray together: by candelight and with the music of Taize.

<u>BIBLE STUDY</u> ~ Weekly Wednesday morning zoom sessions resume **Wednesday**, September 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. All are welcome! Contact Reverend Sherri for the Zoom link to join

**<u>CHURCH OFFICE OPEN TO VISITORS</u>** ~ 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 prieststmatthewtheapostleoriole@toronto.anglican.ca, or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call (416) 880 – 4211.

RECHARGE Youth Retreat at Muskoka Woods Camp!
The Bishop's Youth Ministry Committee will host its annual retreat for Youth on September 29th to October 1st at Muskoka Woods. The cost of the retreat is \$130.00 (not including transportation. Transportation is an additional \$50.00). <b>Registration</b> <b>Deadline is September 13<sup>th</sup>.</b> More info and to register here:
https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/events/recharge-youth-retreat/

Parish Calendar		
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday, 6th	Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.	
Sunday, 10th	Blessing of Backpacks / Family Service 10:00 a.m.	
Tuesday, 12th	Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 p.m. <i>(New Time)</i>	
Wednesday, 13th	Bible Study – New series begins 10:00 a.m. / Choir practice – 7:15	
	p.m.	
Sunday, 17th	Anointing with prayers for healing at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.	
Tuesday, 19th	Tuesday Night Prayer (7:00 p.m.) /	
	Advisory Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, 20th	Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. (Zoom)/ Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.	
Thursday, 21st	Travel Adventure Series 6:00 p.m.	
Saturday, 23rd	Messy Church 11:00 a.m.	
Sunday, 24th	Welcome Back Sunday / Feast Day of St. Matthew	
	BBQ after 10:00 a.m. service	
Tuesday, 26th	Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 p.m. <i>(New Time)</i>	
Wednesday, 27th	Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. (Zoom) / Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.	
Thursday, 28th	Anti-Racism Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)	

### Did You Know?

Did you know....that our church is a popular meeting place for the wider community? We have many local organizations who rent space from us on a regular basis, including:

> Don Mills Camera Club University Women's Club North York North York Obedience Club (Dog Training) Henry Farm Community Interest Association Beulah House of God church Good Shepherd Korean church And more!



### **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

# **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:

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- ✓ Canned Fruits
- $\checkmark$ Rice
- ✓ Flour- small or medium packages
- ✓ Juice (any) ✓ Cereals

Donations may be left in the bin in the Narthex.

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

### We invite you to become a Regular Giver and offer what you can to the life and ministry of St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole

The Spirit of Joyful Giving speaks to a regular offering (giving back to God), 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 preauthorized giving, please speak to one of our sidespeople at a Sunday service who can direct you to a Churchwarden, or reach out to our treasurer Sandra Lumb directly by email at treasurer@stmatthew.ca

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

### PRIEST-IN-CHARGE 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 <u>stmatthewtheapostleoriole@toronto.anglican.ca</u> or <u>office@stmatthew.ca</u> to make an appointment.

### **Parish Officers**

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