



**St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole**
Anglican Church

Come. See. Journey.

***Service of Induction and
Celebration of Ministry
of the Reverend Sherri Louise Golisky***

Sunday, November 5th, 2023
Feast of All Saints

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"***

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Today at St. Matthew

Holy Eucharist (10.00)

We Livestream our 10:00 a.m. service
on our YouTube channel
at StMatthew.ca/YouTube

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

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

Everything you will need for the service is found in this leaflet, with the exception of hymns which are found in the blue book, Common Praise. We invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

Masks are now optional. Distanced seating is available in the south side pews.

We have Hearing-Assist devices available for those with hearing difficulty.

Children are very welcome here! There are activity packages for children to use in church during the service - available from the Sidespeople in the narthex (the entrance area).

Please read about our monthly Family Service and "Messy Church" in the Parish News.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: "How fair and pleasant art thou"Marcel Dupré

Territorial Acknowledgment (*please stand*)

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish-With-One-Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Processional Hymn: 276 "For all the saints" SINE NOMINE

The Greeting

Bishop: 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**

Bishop: There is one body and one spirit.
All: There is one hope in God's call to us.

Bishop: One Lord, one faith, one baptism
All: One God and Father of all.

Bishop: My siblings in Christ, the Reverend Sherri Golisky has been chosen to be the Incumbent of the Parish of St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole. After prayerful consideration, and according to the practice of this Diocese, I have appointed Sherri to this position of leadership in our common ministry. This ministry continues the good work done through the years in this community, and is part of the work and witness of the whole Church.

Let us pray. *(please remain standing)*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry, we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the

Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (*Revelation 7:9-17*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: 1-10 Chant: George Black

Refrain: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God.

Cantor: I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice. **Refrain**

**All: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt the name of God together.**

**I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror. Refrain**

Cantor: Look upon God and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles. **Refrain**

**All: The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God
and will deliver them.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are they who trust in God! Refrain

Cantor: Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

The Lord will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken. **Refrain**

**All: Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and none will be punished who trust in you. Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. *(1 John 3:1-3)*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Halle, halle, hallelujah" Traditional Caribbean

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: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (*Matthew 5:1-12*)

Archdeacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

A moment for reflection is taken following the homily.

Hymn (please stand): "I heard the voice of Jesus calling" LOUISE

*(Refrain and first verse, Choir only. **Then all sing.**)*

Refrain: I heard the voice of Jesus calling; here's what he said to me:

1. If you don't let me wash your feet,
I can't your Saviour be; no,
I can't your Saviour be. **Refrain**
2. All that you do for the least of these—
that's what you do to me; yes,
that's what you do to me. **Refrain**
3. If you have ears to hear, then hear;
if you have eyes, then see; oh,
if you have eyes, then see. **Refrain**
4. Your deepest prayer I will fulfill
where two or three agree; yes,
where two or three agree. **Refrain**
5. I've come that you may know the truth—
that's what will set you free; yes,
that's what will set you free. **Refrain**
6. This is my body, given for you—
why don't you taste and see? Oh,
why don't you taste and see? **Refrain**

7. Believe in me and you will live
through all eternity; yes,
through all eternity. **Refrain**

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CONGREGATION TO PLEASE BE SEATED FOLLOWING THE HYMN

THE COVENANT IN MINISTRY

The Churchwardens/Parish Selection members shall stand with the new Incumbent before the Bishop and shall say together:

Bishop, on behalf of the people of the parish of St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole we ask you to proceed with the induction of the Reverend Sherri Golisky as our Incumbent.

The Bishop asks the Honorary Assistant Priest to read the Verification of Appointment.

The Bishop addresses the Incumbent and says:

Bishop: Do you, Sherri in the presence of this congregation to which you have been called to be priest and pastor, commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Priest: I do.

Members of the Parish are asked to stand, as they are able

Bishop: Do you the people of the Parish of St. Matthew having accepted Sherri to be your priest and pastor, commit yourselves to share with her the ministry of this Parish?

Parish: We do.

The Incumbent faces the people and says:

Priest: I, Sherri commit myself to you, the people of St. Matthew as your priest and pastor, bringing my strengths and weaknesses, my hopes and concerns, my gifts and talents bestowed on me by God's grace, and will endeavour, with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of this parish, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Parish: We the people of St. Matthew commit ourselves to you as our priest and pastor, bringing our strengths and weaknesses, our hopes and concerns, our gifts and talents bestowed on us by God's grace, and will endeavour with the help of God, to share with you in the ministry of this parish, in the name of Christ, with the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

Wardens: Sherri, on behalf of this Parish, and in obedience to the mandate of the Bishop, we present to you the keys of this Parish, in token that we acknowledge you as our lawful pastor and priest in charge of this Parish.

Priest: I receive these keys at your hands as a pledge of your recognition of me as your appointed Incumbent. Together, may we be an open, welcoming community, greeting Christ in all who come through our doors.

All others are asked to stand, as they are able.

Bishop: As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ and witnesses to this covenant, will you support Sherri and the people of St. Matthew in their ministry together?

All: We will.

Prayers of the People *(as announced)*

The Commissioning

The Bishop and Churchwardens lead the new Incumbent to take her place in the chancel.

Bishop: Sherri, on behalf of the church in the Diocese of Toronto, you have accepted this charge which is mine and yours. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I commission you, Sherri and the people of St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole, to worship and work together to the glory of God, for the building up of the Body of Christ, and the proclamation of his reign to this community.

The Bishop presents the new Incumbent to the congregation.

The Peace

Priest: 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: 320 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer Over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Bishop: Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Bishop: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with 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. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Bishop: 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;

Bishop: 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Bishop: 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

Bishop: 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.

Please wait for the direction of the Sidespeople.

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by
crossing your hands over your chest as you approach the priest.*

*If you would like to receive the bread only, simply touch the base of the chalice as the
wine is offered.*

Gluten free-hosts are available.

Communion Hymns: 78 "Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness"SCHMÜKE DICH

87 "Strengthen for service, Lord"ACH GOTT UND HERR

Motet: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" Elizabeth Poston

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion (*Please stand*)

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and blood of your Son, and for uniting us with him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Sherri may be to us a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Doxology

Bishop: 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

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord,

All: From this time forth and evermore.

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

All: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 281 "Who are these like stars appearing" ALL SAINTS

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

► *All are welcome to join for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall* ◀

Next Week's Readings ~ Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Anglican Communion: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Anglican Church of Canada: The Principal, faculty, students, and staff
of the Vancouver School of Theology

Diocese: All Saints Church - Community Centre

Deanery: Our parish, St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole

Parish: Families of Azinge, Balkissoon & Barker

ASSISTING TODAY

Presiding Celebrant and Homilist:	The Rt. Rev Andrew Asbil
Deacon of the Liturgy:	The Ven. Kyn Barker
Bishop's Chaplain:	Clifford Wong
Participating Clergy:	The Rev. Canon John Wilton
Organist:	David Braund
Crucifer:	Malik
Chalice Bearers:	Janice Sanders, Veronica Edwards Williams
Gift Bearers:	Neil and Shanycia
Territorial Acknowledgement:	Chris and Nia
Readers:	Maia Reid, Kakra Winful
Intercessor:	Jane Couchman
Wardens/Parish Selection Members:	Val Seales, Steve O'Keefe, Nigel Jansz, Norma Walker Roberts
Sidespersons:	Margaret Gordon Allen, selection member Elan Seales, Geraldine Simmons, Veda Lindsay
Greeters:	Karen Huk, Robert Danelesko
Hospitality:	Hospitality Team
Altar Guild:	Paula Mount
Livestreaming:	Robbie Roberts

Liturgical Text:

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Revelation 7:9-17

The opening of the final book of our Bible tells us that it is "apokalypsis Iesou Christou" -- the 'revelation' or 'unveiling' of Jesus Christ. And this statement of purpose reminds us that everything we find in the book can only be understood as it reveals something to us about the meaning of Jesus Christ for all time and space and human history. The book is

BIBLE STUDY ~ **Wednesday, November 8th at 10:00 a.m. on ZOOM.** We are currently studying an 8-week series on **Women of the Bible**, based on the book **"Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter"** by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. All are welcome!
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87313248827?pwd=SE9VbGJOZkxOaGt6OE5SWEIMenBPZz09>

TUESDAY COMPLINE ~ **will resume Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Join us for a half-hour reflective service Tuesday evenings using the tradition of Compline (or "Night Prayer"). Come pray together, and find peace at the end of your day. Through the coming weeks, we will have a special focus on "PRAYERS FOR PEACE."

COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK ~ **Saturday, November 25th at 12:45 p.m.** Together with Advent Lutheran Church. Come out and meet our neighbours from Advent Lutheran, as we join together in praying for our community. More details to come!



MESSY CHURCH ~ **Saturday, November 25 at 11:00 a.m.** This month we celebrate The Reign of Christ, and we will be also be getting ready for the season of Advent. Messy Church is church, but not as you know it. Every month at St. Matt's we eat, play and worship together. Expect activities, songs and prayers and an entirely new way to express your faith (eg. Lord's Prayer bean bag

toss). Please register by the Tuesday, November 21st at office@stmatthew.ca. Adults must remain with children.

YOUNGER ADULTS SMALL GROUP ~ **Thursday November 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** Join us for a light meal together, fellowship, and scripture study. Please let Reverend Sherri know if you'd like to attend.

TRAVEL ADVENTURE SERIES ~ **Thursday, November 30th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 /8:30 p.m.** "Cruising around Cuba", presented by Bill Found and Jane Couchman. You can attend in one of THREE WAYS:

1. In-person for potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. Every family/group brings a dish to serve 4-6 people. Everyone brings their own plates, cutlery, glass, and beverage. At the end, take home what you brought, including your dirty dishes. This is the easiest way to have a communal meal without undue fuss. Efficient and easy!
2. Come for the presentation only at 7:00 p.m.
3. By Zoom. Link to come.

ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE: Save the date for the next meeting on **Tuesday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m.** on Zoom. Zoom link to come.

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN ~ 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.

INTERCESSIONS ~ Each week as a church, we lift up our prayers for one another, presenting our requests to God. If you wish for us to be praying for someone you know, please add their name to the "Blue Binder" found in the narthex, or speak to Reverend Sherri or Archdeacon Kyn.

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



Sunday, December 3rd

Our next FAMILY SERVICE will be Sunday, December 3rd, at the 10:00 a.m. service. At this relaxed, family-friendly, monthly service, our children and youth lead us in the readings and prayers, and the congregation takes part in a time of All-Ages Teaching. We will learn about the Season of Advent, and light our first Advent Candle.

Saturday, January 6th, 2024

Epiphany Open House and Newcomers Toast – Saturday January 6th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Rectory. All are welcome! Let us kick off the Epiphany season with some festive fun! With a special toast to all the newcomers to St. Matthew.

Parish Calendar

November	
Wednesday, 1st	Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. (Zoom) / Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, 5th	Service of Induction, Bishop Andrew Asbil presiding – 10:00 a.m., followed by a reception with light lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Feast of All Saints NOTE: There will be No 8:00 a.m. service.
Tuesday, 7th	All Soul Service – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 8th	Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. (Zoom) / Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 14th	Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 15th	Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. (Zoom) / Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, 19th	Anointing with prayers for healing at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 21th	Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 p.m. / Advisory Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 22nd	Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, 25th	Messy Church 11:00 a.m. / Community Prayer Walk with Advent Lutheran Church 12:45 p.m.
Sunday, 26th	Reign of Christ and Faithworks Sunday
Thursday, 23rd	Younger Adults Small Group – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 28th	Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 29th	Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 30th	Travel Series: “Cruising around Cuba” (pot-luck supper at 6:00 p.m., presentation at 7:00 p.m. in-person or Zoom option)

Opportunities To Serve



**Helping
hand**

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...

*Coffee Hour Helpers, Sidespeople, Greeters, Live-Streaming Support, Counters, Messy Church, Children and Youth, Hospitality, Altar Guild, Readers, Intercessors, Choir Members and Instrumentalists, and more. *Some of these positions may require additional training and screening.*



.... 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
- ✓ SOS

And more!

Christian Giving Made Simple

**An invitation to Grow your Giving:
become a regular giver or consider increasing your gift.
Thank you for generously supporting the life and ministry of St. Matthew the
Apostle Oriole!**

A simple and easy way to give is to sign up to give through Pre-Authorized Remittance. We have sign-up forms available from the Sidespeople. You can also go on line to our website <https://stmatthew.ca/give/> or email the Treasurer, Sandra, at treasurer@stmatthew.ca.

We also have e-Transfer available.

The email for the eTransfer is treasurerstmatt@gmail.com

The question is "What is the Name of Rev. Sherri's dog?" Answer: Toby.

What is Christian Stewardship?

As Christians we are invited to give back to God out of gratitude for all that God has first given us. Christian giving is:

- Proportional to one's income (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:12)
- Consistent (1 Corinthians 16:2)
- Sacrificial (Mark 12:43-44; 2 Corinthians 8:2-3) 6
- Cheerful/Joyful (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The spirit of Joyful Giving asks that we put God's priorities before our own. It comes from our substance, not our excess. This act can lead us into a closer relationship with God because if we are giving an amount that is truly a sacrifice we are expressing the belief that our security lies not in our material wealth but in God.¹

¹<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/A-Program-to-Encourage-Joyful-Giving-in-Your-Parish.pdf>

If you would like more information 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

Looking at Twenty-First Century Privilege and Racism: A Reflection

by Anne Creighton

The fight against racism and other struggles for equality in the twenty-first century have shown us how much there is still to accomplish. We know that people are still subject to prejudiced, discriminatory, and racist acts and micro-aggressions today. Micro-aggressions refer to common verbal, behavioural, or environmental actions that stem from negative or derogatory attitudes toward marginalized groups. White privilege and denial of racism are two reasons why micro-aggressions in the workplace, at school, with a medical professional, in government settings, with the police, at a store or business, in a religious setting, at people's homes, or out in public still continue and must be addressed.

When people say, "I do not see race", they are revealing that they do not see that race is a daily issue in their lives. Being able to ignore and deny racism is a privilege that some people have. A privilege is a special advantage or opportunity that is available only to certain people. White people have the privilege of assuming that they will be treated as "normal" and they will not be treated as different, foreign, or a threat. Their white privilege shields them from daily interactions based on race. For them, it is easy to assume that something they do not see or experience does not exist. As a result, racism denial continues to be an issue in the twenty-first century.

There are a number of phrases that help us spot racism denial. Phrases such as, "I do not see race"; "race does not exist so racism does not exist"; "it's just a joke, so it doesn't mean anything"; "you're over-reacting"; "they were products of their time"; "I don't care what colour someone is, they can be green, or purple, or..."; "you need to focus on the positive and not complain about everything,"; "you don't know that was racially motivated"; or "you need to see both sides"; show us that people are denying racism and racist acts.

There are many ways that people try to deny racism. One major way that people deny racism is by refuting or minimising the action. People try to refute racist acts by saying that we do not know for sure the motivation behind an act and demanding proof that an action is racist or racially motivated. People try to minimise a racist act by trying to look at it in isolation and not in a systemic way. They try to explain that an action is being exaggerated and that the victim is being overly-sensitive. Another way that people deny racism is by shifting the focus of the problem or distorting reality. These people try to

shift the blame by pointing out other forms of oppression or social ills or by proposing alternative causes of the problem that do not include racism. Another way that people deny racism is to try to excuse racism. They explain that it is only humour and is not dangerous. They say that people should not be blamed because they were “products of their time”. People who try to excuse racism sometimes even blame the victim for an event.

Masai Ujiri became General Manager of the Denver Nuggets in 2010 and then General Manager of the Toronto Raptors in 2013. This made him one of a very small group of N.B.A. General Managers who were of African descent. In 2019, he won the N.B.A. championship with the Toronto Raptors when they beat the Golden State Warriors in California. Sadly, on the most important day of his career, he was stopped from joining his team by a deputy sheriff who refused to let him pass and pushed him back despite what Ujiri was explaining. Ujiri explained later, "The video sadly demonstrates how horribly I was treated by a law enforcement officer last year in the midst of my team, the Toronto Raptors, winning its first world championship." He also said, "... Yet, unfortunately, I was reminded in that moment that despite all of my hard work and success, there are some people, including those who are supposed to protect us, who will always and only see me as something that is unworthy of respectful engagement. And there's only one indisputable reason why that is the case — because I am Black." Following this event, there were many explanations by racism deniers who blamed Ujiri, who said that that the event was not that significant, who claimed that Ujiri and the Raptors were over-reacting, and who said that the deputy sheriff was not being racist when he was stopping people (even though he did not stop and push white people). There are many things that people can do to deal with racism denial. We can ask why a person is dismissing or disbelieving evidence. We can speak up and call out racist acts. We can offer broader more comprehensive views of racism. We can cite facts that are left out. We can explain that the time period does not justify racism. We can celebrate progress, but explain that we do not need to be complacent. We can correct misinformation. We can shift the conversation back to its focus on racism by explaining how racism interacts with other forms of discrimination. We can ask why a person is dismissing evidence or minimising the effects of racism. We can explain that good intentions can still result in racist acts. We need to explain that empathy is not enough. Accountability must accompany empathy. We all have a role to play in the fight against racism and racism denial.

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