



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

Come. See. Journey.

***Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost and
Remembrance Sunday***

Sunday, November 12th, 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"***

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Today at St. Matthew

Holy Eucharist (8:00 a.m.)

Holy Eucharist (10.00)

We Livestream our 10:00 a.m. service
on our YouTube channel
at [StMatthew.ca/YouTube](https://www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube)

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

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).

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: ""Vater unser im Himmelreich"Dietrich Buxtehude

Sentence: Watch and be ready, for you do not know
on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24.42, 44*

Processional Hymn: 565 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"CWM RHONDDA

Hymn: 659 "O Canada!" O CANADA

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*)

Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a

jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

(Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7..... C. H. Stewart

Choir: Hear my teaching, | O my | people;
incline your | ears ' to the | words of ' my | mouth.

**All: I will open my | mouth ' in a | parable;
I will declare the | mysteries ' of | ancient | times.**

Choir: That which we have heard and known,
and what our | ancestors ' have | told us,
we will not | hide | from their | children.

**All: We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the | power ' of the | Lord, *
who has | done | wonder ' ful | works.**

Choir: The Lord gave a decree to Jacob and established a | law for | Israel, *
com | manding them ' to | teach their | children;

**All: that the generations to come might know,
and the children | yet un | born; *
that they in their turn might | tell it | to their | children;**

Choir: so that they might put their | trust in | God, *

**All: and not forget those mighty deeds,
but | keep | the com | mandments;**

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. *(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: "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, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and

for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." *(Matthew 25:1-13)*

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)*

An Act of Remembrance

Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

As we gather in the presence of God,
we commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,

that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

Pause

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

Pause

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Pause

We pray for all those for whom we have been asked to pray: the sick, the
lonely, the worried, the unemployed, those who have no one to listen to
them.

Pause

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may
give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each
one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace

God give peace

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace

God give peace

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God
give peace

God give peace

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or
terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May
God give peace

God give peace

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace

God give peace

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace

God give peace

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know.

(One minute silence)

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

and let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace

and rise with Christ in glory

Loving God, help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:

May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,

and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

Amen

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

Offertory Hymn: 528 "O God our help in ages past"ST. ANNE

Prayer Over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Celebrant: Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

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

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you

dwell with all your 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 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: 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 Hymn: 57 "Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"SONG 1

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your

saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this 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

Recessional Hymn: 380 "O worship the King"HANOVER

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Ciacona in E Minor"Dietrich Buxtehude

► *Join us for our Coffee Hour following the service* ◀

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

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

CYCLE OF PRAYER

Anglican Communion: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Anglican Church of Canada: The members of the Council of General Synod

Diocese: Regionalized Ministries of the Diocese

Deanery: St. George on Yonge

Parish: Families of Beadle, Bent & Bishop

ASSISTING TODAY

Sidespersons:	The Val Seales Team
Readers:	Bill Found, Jane Couchman
Intercessors:	Clifford Wong, The Venerable Kyn Barker
Altar Guild:	Claudette Blake
Livestreaming:	Robbie Roberts

Liturgical texts:

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Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

The book of Joshua narrates one account of how the Israelites came, after forty years of struggle with God and with one another in the wilderness, to enter the land of Canaan. For many Christians today, Joshua is the most problematic book of the Bible. This stems from two of its features. First, it narrates a series of violent attacks and battles (ch 6-12). Secondly, we now know that the Joshua model of “righteous” people entering another people’s land and destroying them and their culture was, in fact, very much the model in the mind of the settlers who came to North America and many parts of the colonized world between 1500 and 1950, and deliberately destroyed the peoples and cultures they found there. To these two, we can add a third problem, which is that twentieth century archaeology in Palestine has made clear that the account we find in Joshua of great cities being destroyed simply will not hold up in the light of the layers of remains and their dating. In fact, the account of a more gradual settlement found in Judges seems to match the archaeological data better. The collectors and editors of the traditions found in Joshua gave them a frame through which to view them. Near the beginning, and at the very end of the book, we hear of ritual actions the people take to renew their faithfulness to God. At the opening of the book we find the accounts of the stones of witness at Gilgal, circumcision and Passover (ch 4-5). In today’s reading we hear how the people came together at Shechem to renew the covenant. All ancient Near Eastern covenants

(treaties) begin with a recital of the history of relationships between the two parties, and this one is a summary of the entire story from Genesis 12 onwards (24:2-13). Our narrative does not include the covenant laws or conditions, but it is likely that at such an event they may have been read aloud for everyone to hear. It does include statements of commitment (vv 14-18), and warnings of consequences of failing to meet the conditions of the treaty (vv 19-22). And as the book began with the setting up of stones of witness, it also ends with a stone of witness (vv 26-27). [Dr. Walter Deller/2023]

Parish News

BIBLE STUDY ~ **Wednesday, November 15th 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 ~ **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-matthewtheapostleoriole@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.

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.

We Are Looking For Some Help With Coffee Hour!

Sign up in the narthex to join in this ministry of fellowship. You will join a team that works on a rotational basis and helps with light set up and clean up, making coffee and tea, providing a few goodies and other supplies. Many hands make lighter work!

Since we have also switched away from disposable cups to save on dishwashing duties, please consider bringing your own mug.



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.

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

Fall/Winter Clothing Needed

New Circles provides clothing in a store-like, supportive atmosphere for equity deserving individuals.

Donations of high quality fall/winter MEN'S Clothing is needed now.

161 Bartley Dr. (off Bermondsey.)

Check the website (www.newcircles.ca) for donation times.

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 <i>NOTE: There will be No 8:00 a.m. service.</i>
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)

Faithworks Sunday

Faithworks donations will be collected on Reign of Christ Sunday, November 26th.



HOLIDAY SHARING

Let us give!

Moorelands Kids (Remember we used to collect for "Baby Bundles" on Mother's Day) has an "**Adopt a Family**" programme. This year, St. Matthew will be participating!

Detailed gift-giving guidelines will be provided once Moorelands assigns us a 'family' in early November.



On a "Donation Tree" in the Narthex, the "decorations" will be cards saying what needs to be purchased for the family. You take a card and put your name on the tear-off and put the tear-off in the "Gift Box" under the tree.

Moorelands will need our contributions by December 4th.

Did You Know?

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)
- ✓ Beulah House of God Church

- ✓ Henry Farm Community Interest Association
- ✓ Good Shepherd Korean Church
- ✓ SOS
- And more!

Anti-Racism Committee Monthly Column

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.

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CONTACT INFORMATION

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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.

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