



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

*Come. See. Journey.*

***Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
after Pentecost***

Sunday, November 19th, 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)

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## 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. 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).

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### The Gathering of the Community

**Prelude:** "O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen" .....Johannes Brahms

Sentence: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.

Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. *John 15.5*

**Processional Hymn: 318** "Rejoice today with one accord" ..... EIN' FESTE BURG

### 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, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive 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 Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" *(Judges 4:1-7)*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 123** .....George Black

**Refrain: Our eyes look to you our God, until you show us your mercy.**

Cantor: To you I lift up my eyes, (1)

to you enthroned in the heavens. (1)

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, (2)

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, (2)

so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, (3)  
until you show us your mercy. (4) **Refrain**

**All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,  
too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud. Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.  
*(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)*

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, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another

two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*(Matthew 25:14-30)*

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)*

### 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: 508** "I heard the voice of Jesus say" ..... KINGSFOLD

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

Celebrant: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

**Anointing:** *If you wish to receive anointing for healing, please approach the anointer prior to receiving Holy Communion.*

**Communion Hymn: 62** "Come, let us eat" .....AD VA DE

**Prayer after Communion** *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever.  
**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: 319** "Come, let us join our cheerful songs" .....NATIVITY

**DISMISSAL**

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Postlude: "Voluntary in B flat" ..... Maurice Greene

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

## **Next Week's Readings ~ Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ**

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

*Psalm 100*

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*Matthew 25:31-46*

### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Isi Mbanjo – The Church of Nigeria

Anglican Church of Canada: The Secretary General and staff

of the Anglican Communion Office

Diocese: York Central Deanery

Deanery: St. Cyprian

Parish: Families of Beadle, Bent & Bishop

### **ASSISTING TODAY**

Sidespersons: The Margaret Gordon Allen Team

Readers: Steve O'Keefe, Kakra Winful

Intercessor: Helen Edmonds

Chalice: Janice Sanders

Lay Anointer: Cliff Wong

Altar Guild: Sylvia Sutherland

Livestreaming: Robbie Roberts

### **Liturgical texts:**

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### **Judges 4:1–7**

In the Jewish scriptural collection, the books Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings are known as the Former Prophets. Many modern scholars refer to them as the Deuteronomistic history, because the complete history seems to have been drawn together from a variety of types of older oral and written sources sometime during the period of the deportations

and exile (587-400 BCE), and they reflect the particular theology, political ideology and world view of the book of Deuteronomy. Judges, the second of these book, is one of the most intriguing in the Bible, not least because of the vivid characters we encounter (Achsah, Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Abimelech, Jephthah and his daughter, Samson.) It offers a different picture of how the land was settled, one that suggests a gradual process of different groups moving into the fertile northern hills and setting up little agricultural communities that shared economics resources, and provided mutual defence and protection in the period between about 1250 and 950 BCE. There is evidence that these early settlements were much more gender egalitarian than we see elsewhere in the Bible, But the book also suggests that in the long term this social model was not sustainable in the face of economic pressures and changing military technology, especially the discovery of how to make iron. This seems to have led to societal change and increasing inter-group violence including gender violence (see especially ch 17-21). Leadership during this period seems to have been charismatic, people with gifts and skills in the moment referred to as "judges", rather than institutionalized (kings and priests). In fact the book reflects strong rejections of hierarchical arrangements such as kingship (ch 9 especially). Our reading today tells us some of the story of Deborah, one of the earliest of these figures. This prose account comes from a much later period than the poem in Judges 5—Deborah's song. Most scholars consider the song to be one of the two or three earliest pieces of Hebrew poetry, from close to the events in question (around 1200 BCE), and perhaps by Deborah herself. [Dr. Walter Deller/2023]

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## Parish News

**ADVENT STUDY** ~ Join us for scripture study, discussion, and prayer, as we move into the season of Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ. **Three Tuesday evenings, November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, and December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:45 pm.** On Zoom, or stay in person at the church after Compline! Our study will be based on the book, *"Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark."* To order your copy for \$10, please let Rev. Sherri know by Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and she will get a copy to you.

**TUESDAY COMPLINE** ~ **November 21st 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.**, meet at St. Matthew George Henry Entrance. **(Come at 12:15 p.m. if you would like to join for a slice of pizza!)** Together with Advent Lutheran Church. Come out and meet our neighbours from Advent Lutheran, as we join together in praying for our community.



**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. ***\*Please see Advent Wreath Supplies note on p.14\* and save the date for the next Messy Church, December 9<sup>th</sup>.***

**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. <https://yorku.zoom.us/j/93069131349>.

**ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE:** Save the date for the next meeting on **Thursday, December 7th 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 side of the door 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](mailto: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.

### ADVENT WREATH SUPPLIES

Advent starts Dec. 3. Here at Church we use candles on an Advent wreath to count the 4 weeks until the birth of Christ. Then at Christmas we will light the white central birthday candle.



If you would like Advent candles, greenery and the prayers to use at home the cost is ~ \$10. Please order on the sheet in the narthex and pay Diane Wilton for delivery at Messy Church Nov. 25 or on Sunday Nov. 26.

*"In our home we light the candles each Sunday and also when we have company. The candles burn down to different heights ie. Dec. 3-one candle across from the pink one; Dec. 10 the first one and a second one, Dec 17 the first, second and the pink one, Dec 24 all 4 candles and Dec. 25 all 5 candles."* — Diane Wilton

### 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.



### Faithworks Sunday

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



**Sunday, December 3rd**

**Our next FAMILY SERVICE will be Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, light our first Advent Candle, and bless the Advent Nativity Set that will be journeying from household to household through the season of Advent!*

**Saturday, December 9th**

**Messy Church at 11:00 a.m.: Gingerbread Nativity and Hot Chocolate Café.** Please register your spot through the office. All are welcome! Adults must remain with children.

**Saturday, January 6th, 2024**

**Epiphany Open House and Newcomers Toast – Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>November</b>	
Wednesday, 1st	<b>Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. (Zoom) / Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>
Sunday, 5th	<b>Service of Induction, Bishop Andrew Asbil presiding – 10:00 a.m.,</b>
Tuesday, 7th	<b>All Soul Service – 7:30 p.m.</b>
Wednesday, 8th	<b>Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. (Zoom) / Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, 14th	<b>Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 p.m.</b>
Wednesday, 15th	<b>Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. (Zoom) / Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>

Sunday, 19th	<b>Anointing with prayers for healing at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.</b>
Tuesday, 21th	<b>Tuesday Compline 7:00 p.m. / Advisory Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. In-person at the church</b>
Wednesday, 22nd	<b>Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>
Saturday, 25th	<b>Messy Church 11:00 a.m. / Community Prayer Walk with Advent Lutheran Church 12:45 p.m. Leaving from St. Matthew, George Henry entrance. Come early at 12:15 to join for a slice of pizza!</b>
Sunday, 26th	<b>Reign of Christ and Faithworks Sunday. <i>Please bring in your Moorelands Adopt-a-Family Gifts today!</i></b>
Thursday, 23rd	<b>Younger Adults Small Group – 7:00 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, 28th	<b>Tuesday Compline 7:00 p.m. / Advent Study 7:45 p.m. on Zoom or stay in person at the church after the service</b>
Wednesday, 29th	<b>Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>
Thursday, 30th	<b>Travel Series: “Cruising around Cuba” (pot-luck supper at 6:00 p.m., presentation at 7:00 p.m. in-person or Zoom option)</b>
<b>December</b>	
Sunday, 3rd	<b>Family Service 10:00 a.m. and First Sunday of Advent</b>
Tuesday, 5th	<b>Tuesday Compline 7:00 p.m. / Advent Study 7:45 p.m. on Zoom or stay in person at the church after Compline</b>
Wednesday, 6th	<b>Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>
Saturday, 9th	<b>Messy Church 11:00 a.m. Gingerbread Nativity and Hot Chocolate Cafe</b>
Tuesday, 12th	<b>Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 p.m. / Advent Study 7:45 p.m. on Zoom or stay in person at the church after the service</b>
Wednesday, 13th	<b>Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>
Sunday, 17th	<b>Anointing with prayers for healing at both 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.</b>
Tuesday, 19th	<b>Tuesday Night Prayer 7:00 p.m.</b>
Wednesday, 20th	<b>Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>
Sunday, 24th	<b>8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	<b>4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant</b>
	<b>9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service</b>
Monday, 25th	<b>10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service</b>





**HOLIDAY  
SHARING**

### **Mooreland's 'Adopt a Family'**

St. Matthew's families can help make a better holiday time for a 'Mooreland' family.

The family we are helping is a single parent with 5 children, ages 1, 7, 9, 14 and 16.

We have been asked to provide very specific gifts for the children and grocery gift cards for No Frills or Walmart. The list is available after each service on Sunday. You can choose which gift to purchase and hang a snowflake on the Advent tree in the narthex. Please tell Archdeacon Kyn or Gwynne what you have chosen so all the children are covered, and we don't have duplicates.

If you aren't in church on Sunday, you can still participate. The list can be emailed to you, and you can email back your choice. If you are unable to get out shopping a financial contribution is also possible and welcome.

Gifts should be dropped off on **Sunday November 26** or brought to the church on Tuesday or Friday during office hours.

If you have questions and to request a gift list email: [kyn\\_barker@stmatthew.ca](mailto:kyn_barker@stmatthew.ca)

#### **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!

## CHRISTMAS PLANTS AND GREENERY



**Help us to make the church beautiful and Festive  
for the Season!**

If you would like to donate towards the greenery and Christmas plants, there are four ways to do it!



- 1....Please fill out and put your money in the "Season Flowers Donation and Request envelopes (located in the Narthex).
- 2....You can send it by mail or drop it off in the Black Church mailbox at the south entrance. Mark the envelope *'Christmas Flowers'* and include your name and dedication.
- 3....We accept e-Transfer at [treasurerstmatt@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstmatt@gmail.com)  
Q: What is the name of Rev. Sherri's dog?                      A. Toby  
or
4. You can donate online on our website. Just click on the **BLUE GIVE** button on the top right and select **"Give Online."**

*Dedications may be made in the Memory of Loved Ones or in Thanksgiving.*

## 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](mailto:treasurer@stmatthew.ca).

We also have e-Transfer available.

The email for the eTransfer is [treasurerstmatt@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstmatt@gmail.com)

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

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### 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.<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup><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](mailto:treasurer@stmatthew.ca)

## PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CONTACT INFORMATION

You may reach the Rev. Sherri by email at [priest-stmatthewtheapostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:priest-stmatthewtheapostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca), or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. Rev. 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 [stmatthewtheapostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:stmatthewtheapostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca) or [office@stmatthew.ca](mailto:office@stmatthew.ca) to make an appointment.

## **Parish Officers**

Rector's Warden	Valerie Seales
Peoples' Warden	Steve O'Keefe
Rector's Deputy Warden	Nigel Jansz
Peoples' Deputy Warden	Norma Walker Roberts
Office/Rentals	Donna Lam
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Sandra Lumb <i>treasurer@stmatthew.ca</i>
Sidespeople 8:00	Trevor Evans
10:00	Valerie Seales
Music Director/Organist	David Braund
Envelope Secretary	Sandra Lumb
Synod Representative	Margaret Gordon Allen
Alternative Synod Member	Norma Walker Roberts
Church School	TBD
Nursery Director and Messy Church Facilitator	Diane Wilton
Altar Guild Chair	Gwynne Barker
Fundraising	Bonnie LaRue Sherry Jansz
Growing Healthy Stewards Chair	Delores Lawrence
Social Justice & Outreach	Anne Creighton
Hospitality	Valerie Seales Margaret Gordon Allen