



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

Come. See. Journey.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020

SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist



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***“To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons”***

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Today at St. Matthew

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on the Monday after the service

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

We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. The entire service is printed in the bulletin. Unfortunately, we are not able to safely offer children's programs at this time. Consequently, our Nursery program for infants as well as a Sunday School program for toddlers and children is not offered during the service at this time. Children are welcome to join their family in church. We have papers and pencils/markers for kids to use in church and then take home with them available from the Sidespeople.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: "Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein" J. S. Bach
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

PLEASE NOTE: *The Diocese of Toronto's protocol around COVID-19 has temporarily suspended all singing by the choir and congregation.)*

Singer(s) only) Hymn 508 "I heard the voice of Jesus say"KINGSFOLD

Please stand. The celebrant greets the community

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: 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.

Glory to God

Singer(s): Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his 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*)

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reader: A Reading from Exodus (14:19-31)

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did

against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114 Chant: George Black

Reader: **Second Lesson: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (14:1-12)**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Singer(s) only) Gradual Hymn 487 "Where charity and love prevail" PRIMROSE

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." *(Matthew 18:21-35)*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Canon John Wilton

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was

buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the people *(Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer and are able)*

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this 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.

Officiant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace *(Please stand.)*

At this time, the Diocese of Toronto protocol around COVID-19 asks that we share words and smiles only, not handshakes or hugs.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Singer(s) only) Offertory Hymn: 84 "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour" ST. OSMUND

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

For now, the collection plate will no longer be passed around. Those wishing to, can leave their givings on the plate, on the table, in the middle of the centre aisle as they leave the church.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and 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: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he

opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*said*)

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread;

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the form of bread only. Those not receiving communion may wish to receive a blessing instead. To indicate this to the priest, please cross your hands over your chest. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Diocese of Toronto's protocol around COVID-19 has temporarily suspended the sharing of the common cup at celebrations of the Eucharist. Please follow the direction of the sidespersons when receiving communion.*

(Singer(s) only) Hymn: 527 "How firm a foundation" ST. DENIO

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Offertoire sur les grands jeux" François Couperin

CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: Pray for the Anglican Church of South America
Diocese: Archbishop Melissa Skelton, people, and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon
Deanery: St. Cyprian
Parish: Families of ***Ann Padmore, Barry Padmore & Pennels***

*Flowers today are given by the **Barker Family**, to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of **Mckinley Marie**.*

ASSISTING TODAY

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| Sidespersons: | The Valerie Seales Team |
| Reader / Intercessor | Bonnie LaRue |
| Prayers of the People: | Prepared by Jane Couchman |
| Altar Guild: | Gwynne Barker |

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus is the second book of the Jewish Torah (Instruction or Law), also sometimes referred to as the Pentateuch from the Greek name, "Five Books." Exodus has three great themes: 1) the story of God's bringing the Israelite people out of slavery in Egypt; 2) God's calling them and forming them into a community and people, giving them a Law that will enable them to live in justice and mercy; and 3) God's enabling them to create a Tabernacle, a travelling Holy Space by which God can continue present with them as they journey. In today's reading we hear one account of the actual escape from Egypt. When all the first born of Egypt are slain in a single night, Pharaoh drives the Israelites out, but like all tyrants, he soon changes his mind. Setting out in pursuit with his chariots and horsemen, Pharaoh traps them at the edge of the Red Sea (more accurately the Sea of Reeds). God brings a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire to protect and guide the Israelites, but finding they are trapped they cry out against Moses and his God. Moses urges the to stand firm, and the pillar of cloud moves behind them so the Egyptians can no longer see them. Moses raises his staff and God sends a wind that blows the sea back, the Israelites walk through on the seabed. Pharaoh rushes in behind them to capture them, and the wind dies down, the water falls back and the Egyptians are trapped. The most ancient version of this story can be found in Exodus 15, The Song at the Sea. The first part of this song was likely the victory chant sung by Miriam and the other women (in ancient Israel women drummed and sang victory songs (see Exodus 15:20ff). Whatever happened, the first part of the victory song which dates from close to the events, makes clear that Pharaoh and his army drowned (15:4-5), that there was a great wind attributed to YHWH's action (15:8, 10); and that Pharaoh's fate was due to his implacable desire to regain power and destroy the former slaves (15:9).

[Dr. Walter Deller/2020]

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The Rev. Canon John Wilton's office hours are generally 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the church. He may be reached through the church office at 416-494-7020 ext. 2 or at 416-498-7921 outside of office hours, or by email at revjwilton@gmail.com

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NOTE: The office is open to visitors by appointment only.

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