



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

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

10:00 a.m.      Holy 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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## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. HOLY 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: "Herzlich tut mich erfreuen" .....Johannes Brahms

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me,

*John 10.27*

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

*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** (sung by the Choir)

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(please remain standing)*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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 (17:1-7)**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 .....Chant: George Black

**Reader: Second Lesson: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:1-13)**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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Gradual Hymn 492 "Sing hallelujah to our God" .....KINGSWOOD NEW

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.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*(Matthew 21:23-32)*

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** *as announced (Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer and are able)*

#### **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 (Coronavirus) 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.**

**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: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (SAID)

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: Let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

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.*

**Prayers for Healing and Anointing:** *During COVID19 we are not permitted to practice anointing. Prayers for healing will be available with Mr. Cliff Wong in the narthex during communion. Please wear your mask and stay 6 feet away from each other.*

Hymn: 76 "Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour"..... ADORO TE

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

Recessional Hymn 375 "At the name of Jesus" ..... KING'S WESTON

### DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux" .....Nicolas de Grigny

### CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan  
Diocese: The Bishop, people, and clergy of The Territory of the People  
Deanery: St. John, Willowdale  
Parish: Families of ***Bryan Reynolds, Norma Reynolds & Robbie Roberts***

### ASSISTING TODAY

Sidespersons: Nigel Jansz  
Reader / Intercessor Virendra Singh  
Prayers of the People: Prepared by Helen Edmonds  
Altar Guild: Norma Walker

## PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** ~ If there are people for whom the parish should be praying, please e-mail Archdeacon Kyn (barkerk@rogers.com) or leave a message at 416-494-7020 Ext. 3.

**IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE:** ~ Please contact Fr. John at [revjwilton@gmail.com](mailto:revjwilton@gmail.com) or at the office 416-494-7020 Ext. 2

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**TO REGISTER FOR 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE, OCTOBER 18th:** ~ [http://stmatthew.ca/Sunday\\_8am\\_Oct18](http://stmatthew.ca/Sunday_8am_Oct18) or leave a detailed message with the date you would like to attend church, your full name and phone number at 416-494-7020 Ext. 1.

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Like most other things, decorating the church for Harvest Thanksgiving will be different this year. Normally the food donated for our display is taken to Oriole Food Space after Thanksgiving Sunday service. This year the food bank is unable to accept fresh or packaged food, so we will not do our usual collection. The need for food in our community and beyond is still great, so a monetary donation would be most welcome. You can make your donation through the church, marking it clearly, or to North York Harvest directly, specifying Oriole Food Space.

### Exodus 17:1-7

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. After their miraculous escape from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites make their way through the wilderness toward Sinai where they are to meet with YHWH, their God who has delivered them. But reality hits home—they have no food or water, and they begin to complain. The motif of complaining forms an ongoing theme of the books of Exodus, and Numbers. In last week's reading we heard how God provided a mysterious bread-like substance, manna, to sustain the people. In today's reading we hear how the people once again quarrel with Moses and complain because there is no water. God directs Moses to strike a rock with his staff. Earlier in the book (ch 7) Moses has used his staff to stroke the Nile, and it turns to blood. In the account of the escape through the red Sea, Moses is directed to lift his staff over the sea, and the wind rises and the waters part. Now Moses is directed to strike the rock, and water pours out. Ancient Jewish midrash (oral teaching and interpretive traditions) associate Miriam, Moses' sister, the prophetess and singer, with the continuing presence of water in the desert—that she had a well that travelled with her. This is likely because the last great crisis and rebellion over water (Numbers 20:2) follows immediately after we are told of Miriam's death and burial (Numbers 20:1).

*[Dr. Walter Deller/2020]*

## RECTOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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](mailto:revjwilton@gmail.com)

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Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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