



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020

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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Online at www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube
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10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)

We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. 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: "Adagio in C" für Glasharmonika.....W. A. Mozart
I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear
fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15.16*

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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable 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 (20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 Chant: George Black

Reader: Second Lesson: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:4b-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that

comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Gradual Hymn 459 "Christ is our cornerstone" HAREWOOD

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.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it

falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

(Matthew 21:33-46)

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)*

Intercessor: "A litany from the New Zealand Prayer Book"

CONFESION 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. **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: God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.*

Hymn: 475 "Not far beyond the sea" CHAPEL ROYAL

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask 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

Recessional Hymn 435 "Take my life, and let it be" MOZART

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Voluntary in F" Vivace John Stanley

CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania
Diocese: Bishop Logan McMenamie, the clergy and people
of the Diocese of British Columbia
Deanery: St. Theodore of Canterbury
Parish: Families of *Elizabeth Roberts, Robinson & Rollins*

ASSISTING TODAY

Sidesperson: Elan Seales
Reader: Jeff Rowell
Intercessor: Prepared by The Venerable Kyn Barker
Altar Guild: Sylvia Sutherland

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 or at the office 416-494-7020 Ext. 2

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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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. Today's reading brings us to the heart of the second of these themes, God's revelation of laws that will enable the people to form a community that can live justly and mercifully together. The collection of instructions, which include civil and religious laws, opens with the Ten Commandments. In Christian tradition, these ten commandments, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Creed have been considered the minimum requirement to know as a foundation for a faithful life. It is worth looking at the two portions of the section that the lectionary omits. There are two versions of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21). The Exodus version links the command to rest of the seventh day to God's own rest after the six days of creation. The Deuteronomy version links this command to the fact that the Israelites had been slaves, and must never forget that God delivered them from slavery in Egypt. For Deuteronomy this fact is the basis for the requirement to give all workers a day off. The more significant omission from today's reading is the passage in which God describes the divine self as one who "punishes children for the iniquity of parents to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments." (20:5b-6) Many people only hear the first part of this and write God off as a punitive vicious being. But if we stop to think, what the text tells us is that our choices will have an impact on those who follow us for anywhere from 60 to 160 years. We know this is true, both in what happens in families, and in what happens to our environment. Punishment is simply living with the consequences of our bad choices. But many people stop there and forget the amazing promise of verse 6. Every deed of love, trust and faithfulness will continue to have an impact for good for thousands of years. The passage thus confronts us with the manifest consequences of human folly and wrongdoing, over against which is set the mysterious power of the love of God to act for good for longer than we can imagine.

[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

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