



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

Come. See. Journey.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

SUNDAY SERVICE

NOTE: *The Diocese of Toronto has shared the decision to return to Red Stage Guidelines until at least January 31st: this means that in-person worship continues to be suspended until at least that time, and our building will be closed to the public with the exception of those assisting with our virtual services.*

All services will be livestreamed to our [YouTube channel](#).



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***"To Seek and Serve
Christ in all persons"***

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**Third Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Ante-Communion (BAS)**

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE - ORIOLE ANGLICAN CHURCH

*We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church.
We follow the Order of Service in the **Book of Alternative Services**.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: "Air"Samuel Wesley

Sentence:

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. *Luke 4.18*

Hymn 5 "Christ whose glory fills the skies" HEATHLANDS

Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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.

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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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

First Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."
(Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 Chant: S. S. Wesley.....p. 725

The heavens declare the | glory ' of | God,
and the firmament shows the | hand|work | of the | Lord.
One day tells its | tale ' to an|other,
and one night imparts | knowledge | to an|other.

Although they have no | words or | language,
and their | voices | are not | heard,
their sound has gone out into | all | lands,
and their message to the | ends | of the | world.

In the deep has God set a pa|vilion ' for the | sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a | champion ' to | run its | course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of 'it | again;
nothing is | hidden ' from its | burning | heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and re|vives the | soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives | wisdom | to the | innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and re|joice the | heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives | light | to the | eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and en|dures for | ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and | righteous | alto|ge|ther.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine | gold
sweeter far than honey, than | honey | in the | comb.

By them also is your | servant ' en|lightened,
and in keeping them | there is | great re|ward.
Who can tell how | often ' they | offend?
Cleanse me | from my | secret | faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get do|minion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and | innocent ' of a | great of|fense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be ac|ceptable ' in your |
sight;
O Lord, my | strength and | my re|deemer..

Second Lesson: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer

together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. *(1 Corinthians 12:12-31A)*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 624 "O thou who camest from above"HEREFORD

O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal
and make the sacrifice complete.

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 Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
(Luke 4:14-21)

Archdeacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Sherri Golisky

The Nicene Creed

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)

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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 346 "I'll praise my maker while I've breath" NASHVILLE

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers;
my days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

Happy are those whose hopes rely
on Israel's God; who made the sky
and earth and seas with all their train;
whose truth forever stands secure,
who saves the oppressed and feeds the poor,
whose promise none shall trust in vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind;
and sends the labouring conscience peace.
God helps the stranger in distress,
the widow and the fatherless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise God while I'm granted breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers;
my days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life and thought and being last,
or immortality endures.

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Gavotte"Samuel Wesley

Liturgical texts:

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CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
ACC*: The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan,
and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada
Diocese: Canadian Council of Churches
Deanery: Advent Lutheran
Parish: Families of of **Wayne Browne, Bruiners & Cameron**
**Anglican Church of Canada*

Next Week's Readings ~ Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Psalm 71:1-6
Luke 4:21-30

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Nehemiah, a member of the Isralite exilic community who had risen to prominence in the Persian court, was the individual charged with overseeing the return of the people to their former lands and the rebuilding of Jerusalem. His book is an account of the process and the struggles encountered in trying to carry out this work of faith and restoration. Today's passage tells of a great assembly in which all the people gathered to hear Ezra the scribe read aloud the entire law. This may have been the first occasion on which the new fully collected Torah (Genesis -Deuteronomy) was read in public. There are five key elements in this process which have remained consistent in all synagogue and Christian worship since the time of Ezra and Nehemiah: 1) the assembling of the community; 2) reading aloud and hearing the scriptures and their accounts of God's great acts; 3) the interpretation of the scriptures and their meaning for today; 4) the people eating together; and 5) giving to the poor and and taking care those who do not have enough.

[Dr.

Walter Deller/2022]

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) - "The Gospel of John." Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Let Reverend Sherri know if you'd like to join! All are welcome.

FIRESIDE FRIDAYS ~ Join us as we gather around the (virtual) fire! Five Friday evenings, from 8:00 - 8:30 pm., beginning Friday January 21st. We'll sit by the fire for some prayer, story, and song, and end our weeks with a moment of peace. Here is the Zoom link and login information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85843431535?pwd=dDM2UEJXVnhYc29OMIRrSkNqU040UT09>

Meeting ID: 858 4343 1535. Passcode: 176218 [647 558 0588](#)

MESSY CHURCH ~ Epiphany Party! Saturday January 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Zoom details to come. All kids welcome. To receive the materials and snack, let us know by Wed Jan.19th email

office@stmatthew.ca

ZOOM SOCIAL GATHERING -- Mark your Calendar and stay connected with parish friends! **Our very special guest , Bishop Andrew Asbil, will be joining us!!** Sunday, January 30th at 4 p.m. Here is the Zoom link and login information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82923979613?pwd=YVB0SXNyY2S2U5c1VvUXNteFFCQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 2397 9613 Passcode: 335096 [647 558 0588](#)

VESTRY REPORTS ~ This is a call for all vestry reports to be sent to the office no later than Friday, February 4th so that the 2021 Annual Vestry Report can be prepared and ready for Vestry on Sunday, February 27th.

YOUNGER ADULTS SMALL GROUP GATHERING: ~ Thursday February 17th at 7 p.m. Zoom link to follow.

COVID-19 Booster ~ To schedule your booster dose appointment you can go to the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#), or call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, or through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, [select pharmacies](#) and primary care settings.

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

PASTORAL CARE: ~ If in need of pastoral support, please contact Reverend Sherri priest-stmatthewtheapostleorile@toronto.anglican.ca, or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call (416) 880 – 4211.

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CONTACT INFORMATION

You may reach the Rev. Sherri by email at priest-stmatthewtheapostleorile@toronto.anglican.ca, or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. She is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. 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: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

NOTE: The office is open to visitors by appointment only.
Please email the office@stmatthew.ca to make an appointment.

Parish Officers

Rector's Warden	Valerie Seales
Peoples' Warden	Steve O'Keefe
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10:00	Valerie Seales
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