



St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

Come. See. Journey.

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. & 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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Ash Wednesday
7:30 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)

We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. The entire service is printed in the bulletin. 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.

(Please note there is no congregational singing at this time.)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: "I cry to thee"J. S. Bach

Sentence: *(please stand)*

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. *Psalm 95.7-8*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.,

People: and also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(Silence is taken)*

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(please remain standing)*

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joel

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near - a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even

now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

(Joel 2:1-2, 12-17)

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

People: Thanks be to God

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 103:8-18..... Tone IV. 8

Cantor: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *

Choir: slow to anger and of great kindness.

*He will not always accuse us, **

nor will he keep his anger forever.

Cantor: He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *

nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

*Choir: As far as the heavens are above the earth, **

So is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

Cantor: As far as the east is from the west, *

so far has he removed our sins from us.

*Choir: As a father cares for his children, **

so does the Lord care for us.

Cantor: For he himself knows whereof we are made; *

he remembers that we are but dust.

*Choir: Our days are like the grass; **

we flourish like a flower of the field.

Cantor: When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *

and its place shall know it no more.
*Choir: But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;*

*Cantor: On those who keep his covenant, *
Choir: and remember his commandments and do them.*

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

(Corinthians 5:20B-6:10)

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People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 614 "Forgive our sins as we forgive" DETROIT

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, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

(Matthew 2 6:1-6, 16-21)

Archdeacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Sherri Golisky

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, every year at the time of the Christian Passover we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the paschal mystery. We begin this holy season by remembering our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole. I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord, to observe a holy Lent by self examination, penitence, prayer, fasting,

and almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the word of God. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence is kept for reflection

Psalm 51:1-18 **(Said)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.

**Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**

**Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Litany of Penitence

All: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Celebrant: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Celebrant: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Celebrant: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Celebrant: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Celebrant: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

All: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant: Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward, and stand at a distance from the celebrant who will say the following words: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Then please step forward and ashes will be applied.

After all who desire ashes have received them, the celebrant leads the congregation in the conclusion of the confession, all kneeling.

Celebrant: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

People: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

Celebrant: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

People: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

At this time, the Diocese of Toronto protocol around COVID-19 asks that we share smiles and waves only and please remain in your place.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The collection plate will not be passed around. Those wishing to, can place their givings on the plate on the table in the centre aisle

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Offertory Hymn 180 "Giver of the perfect gift"GIBBONS

Prayer Over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Celebrant: Merciful God, turn us from sin to faithfulness. Accept our offering, and prepare us to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, 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

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,

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.

THE COMMUNION

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

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.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. 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 (wine) at celebrations of the Eucharist. Please follow the direction of the sidespersons.*

Communion Hymn 76 "The we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee"ADORO TE

Spiritual Communion Prayer (for those worshipping from home):

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen. (Based on a prayer by St. Alphonsus Maria de' Liguori)

Prayer after Communion (Please stand)

Celebrant: God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Closing Hymn 5 "Christ whose glory fills the skies" HEATHLANDS

DISMISSAL

Archdeacon: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Liturgical texts:

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ASSISTING TODAY

Celebrant:	The Rev. Sherri Golisky
Archdeacon:	The Venerable Kyn Barker
Reader:	Jeff Rowell

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Joel is the second in the collection of short prophetic books known as The Twelve that closes our Old Testament. It is a short book that can be read aloud in its entirety in about 10-15 minutes. It is a rich and rewarding book to read because it gives us glimpses of how prophetic books came to be formed and edited over time, and it gives us one of the few clear pictures of the rituals of public mourning and repentance at times of national crisis in ancient Israel. Joel opens with an account of a locust plague that is destroying the land. Scientists have discovered that in some parts of North Africa and the Middle East ordinary grasshoppers under certain conditions suddenly transform themselves physically en masse into a flying army that consumes everything in its path. In Joel, we see what starts as a locust plague (ch 1:1-12) transform itself in the same fashion, first into the human army, likely the Assyrians, advancing on Israel (ch 2:2-9), and then that human army becomes a fore-runner of the Lord's hosts on the final Day of the Lord (2:10-11). At the heart of the book are two cycles of public call to mourning, fasting and communal lament prayers (1:13-20, and 2:15-17). The book closes with the oracles of hope and deliverance that likely concluded the communal ritual ((2:19ff). To these the post-exilic editors of the book have then added visions of the coming of the ultimate reign of God at the end of all time. Peter quotes from this book in his sermon on Pentecost (Acts 2) and we can see parallels in the last part of Joel with other material in the apocalyptic (revelatory) genre such as Daniel and the Revelation to John. *[Dr. Walter Deller/2022]*

LENTEN STUDY ~ "Ecological Grief and Creational Hope." Join us online for a group study this Lent as we explore the biblical themes of creation's groaning and lament as well as its hope for redemption. Five Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday March 8th.

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.

YOUNGER ADULTS SMALL GROUP GATHERING: ~ Thursday March 24th at 7 p.m. Zoom link to follow.

COVID-19 ANTIGEN KITS ~ We have free Covid-19 Antigen Rapid Test Device kits available to everyone in the parish. One kit per family. All are welcome to take one. We especially encourage all those who volunteer in various roles in our services to take a kit. They are available in the narthex at the end of the service. Please speak to Archdeacon Kyn or Reverend Sherri if you have any questions, or if you would like to pick one up at an alternate time.

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 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-stmatthewtheapostleorionle@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.

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