

St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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Second Sunday of Easter
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. 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 Easter Colouring Packages for kids to use in church and are available from the Sidespeople.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: ""Christ lag in Todesbanden" J. S. Bach

Sentence: *(please stand)*

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. *John 20.29*

Hymn: 215 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain" AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

The Greeting

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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

All: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's 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)*

Celebrant: Let us pray *(a moment of silence is taken)*

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."
(Acts 5:27-32)

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:14-29..... Chant: George Black

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!" **Refrain**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death. **Refrain**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
"This is the gate of the Lord;
those who are righteous may enter." **Refrain**

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me
and has become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **Refrain**

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!
Lord, send us now success.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
God is the Lord and has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar. **Refrain**

"You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you."
Give thanks to the Lord who is good;
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever. **Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A reading from the Revelation to John

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and

freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. *(Revelation 1:4-8)*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 228 "Alleluia! O sons and daughters"O FILII ET FILIAE

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (8:00 a.m. - Glory be to thee, O Lord)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you

may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. *(John 20:19-31)*

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. (8:00 a.m. - Praise be to thee, O Christ)

Homily: The Rev. Sherri Golisky

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.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(as announced)*

The Peace *(Please stand.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you

All: And also with you. Alleluia.

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 237 "Now the green blade riseth" NOEL NOUVELET

Prayer Over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Celebrant: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our 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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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 sons and daughters; 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 (*said*)

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: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

THE COMMUNION

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei *(Sung)*

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 "Thee 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: Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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 231 "That Eastertide with joy was bright" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

DISMISSAL

Gospeller: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord. Allelu

All: Thanks be to God. Ale;

Postlude: "Voluntary in G" John Stanley

CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
 ACC* The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop,
 and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron
 Diocese: Huronia Deanery
 Deanery: Spiritual & Religious Care at North York General Hospital,
 Nursing Homes and Senior's Residences
 Parish: Families of ***Hunte, Jackson & James***
**Anglican Church of Canada*

ASSISTING TODAY

Sidespersons:	8:00 a.m.	TBA
	10:00 a.m.	Robbie Roberts Team
Readers:	8:00 a.m.	TBA, Lesley Huether
	10:00 a.m.	Richi Richardson, Richi Richardson
Intercessors:	8:00 a.m.	Walter Deller
	10:00 a.m.	Cliff Wong

Liturgical texts:

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Psalm 118

Today's psalm is likely, in form, a communal thanksgiving. While it begins and ends like a hymn with a summons to praise God, followed by a reason to praise (vv 1-4, echoed in v 29), it also concludes with an individual declaration of thanks (v 28). Like many thanksgivings it includes a recital of how God delivered Israel from distress (vv 5-14). But it is also clearly connected to a festal procession (vv 19-20, 26-27) on some great occasion, and throughout there are signs that it was sung by different voices in call and response style (vv 2-4, 15-16, 25-27, 29). It speaks of both individual and national deliverance from distress and death. It was clearly an important psalm for early Christians—the verse about the rejected stone become the cornerstone appears in a saying of Jesus (Mk 12:10-11, Mt 21:42, Lk 20:17), and also in Acts 4:11 applied to the risen Jesus, and in 1 Peter 2 where the whole Christian community is urged to join with Jesus the cornerstone and become with him, living stones building up God's mission. Verse 26, which in the gospels becomes the song people sing before Jesus on Palm Sunday, has entered the Eucharistic prayer as part of what is sung by the people in many liturgies: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

[Dr. Walter Deller/2022]

Easter Flowers



Kyn & Gwynne BarkerIn memory of Arthur & Dorothy Barker
Jane CouchmanIn memory of beloved family members
Bill FoundIn memory of William and Melba Found
Donna Lam In loving memory of Barbara & Alfred Lam,
.....and Arthur & Gertrude Van Ryck deGroot
Karen and Robert Danelesko In memory of loved ones
Veronica Edwards-Williams In loving memory
The McQuiston Family - Margaret, David,In loving memory of Tom and Ella
Kim, Tommy & Maddy.....
Gordon & Paula Mount..... In memory of loved ones
Jane & Steve O'Keefe..... In loving memory of William & Pearl Sharpe,

..... and Joseph & Francis O'Keefe
Elan & Val Seales.....In loving memory of our loved ones
Sylvia Sutherland.....In thanksgiving
Cecile Weil & Family In loving memory of Eric & Mavis Spence and Karl & Ella Weil

PARISH NEWS

TRAVEL ADVENTURE SERIES ~ Thursday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom: "Indonesia – Java, Bali, and Sulawesi" presented by Bill Found. Stay tuned for the ZOOM link.

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 (zoom). Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.

LAYETTE SUNDAY ~ Mother's Day, May 8th. Once again, we welcome your donation of new unwrapped items for babies (*see below.*) This year we will continue to collect until May 22nd. (2 Sundays after Mother's Day.) Please leave your donations on the designated table in the Hallway. Your donation will be taken to Moorelands for their annual 'Baby Bundles Program



Moorelands Kids Baby Bundles are in need of the following items:

- Sleepers (Boy, Girl and Neutral)
- Bibs (Boy, Girl and Neutral)
- Baby Wash Cloths (Boy, Girl and Neutral)
- Baby Towels (Boy, Girl and Neutral)
- Baby Toys/Books
- Baby Sweaters

MARK THE DATE: ~Saturday, May 14th 10:00 a.m. Parish Visioning Conversation: Celebrating our past successes and dreaming for the future: please join us for this important discussion as we take a look at who we are as a parish, where we've been and our hopes for the future! We want to hear from YOU! Elizabeth McCaffrey from the Diocese of Toronto will be facilitating us. Stay tuned for more details.

COVID-19 ANTIGEN KITS ~We have free Covid-19 Antigen Rapid Test Device kits available to everyone in the parish. They are available following the service from the sidespeople.

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-stmatthewtheapostleoriole@toronto.anglican.ca, or by phone at 416-494-7020 ext. 2. In case of pastoral emergencies, please call (416) 880 – 4211.

WALKATHON – A ST. MATTHEW FUNDRAISER



SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, June 4th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pledge sheet and donor information details to follow.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ON THE JESUS TRAIN: ~ A four-week Eastertide Zoom course by Brian Walsh, beginning Sunday evening, April 24. Join in reflecting on the meaning of Easter hope found in Scripture. For the last class on May 15, Bruce Cockburn will join as a special guest! Go to

FREE TAX FILING CLINIC ~ Every Monday & Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. starting Monday, March 7th at North York Community House. For appointments call 416-784-0920 and leave a message. A return call will be made to you, to book your appointment. To

Find a Tax Clinic in Your Area: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/community-volunteer-income-tax-program.html>

**Congratulations to Shyamal Ray,
St. Matthew parishioner, and the Don Valley Northerner of the week!**



Shyamal has long been a committed community volunteer in Parkway Forest. Whether he's spending his time helping out Friends of Parkway Forest Park or promoting vaccines in his community through North York General Hospital's Vaccine Engagement Team, everyone can always count on Shyamal to be there for his neighbours.

(A Don Valley Northerner is someone who is committed to bettering our community and always there to help out neighbours. The award is handed out by Shelley Carroll, Councillor for Don Valley.)



St Matthew's Anti-Racism Committee

Due to the overwhelming positive response the Anti-Racism Committee received from our Black History series in February, we have decided to start a monthly column which will highlight and share the stories of Black, Indigenous and People of Colour. We thank the parish of St. Matthew the Apostle Oriole for their continued support and interest in the work of this committee.

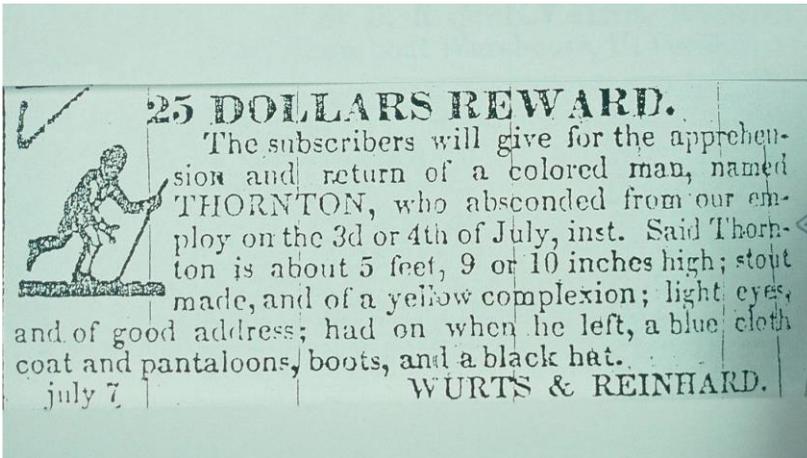
The Remarkable Lives of Thornton and Lucie Blackburn



A view of Thornton Blackburn's horse-drawn cab going down a Toronto street in the centre of this mid-19th-century painting by John Gillespie. (Canadian Department, Royal Ontario Museum)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/taxi-history-1.3526912#:~:text=The%20first%20motorized%20cab%20came,described%20in%20Urban%20History%20Review.>

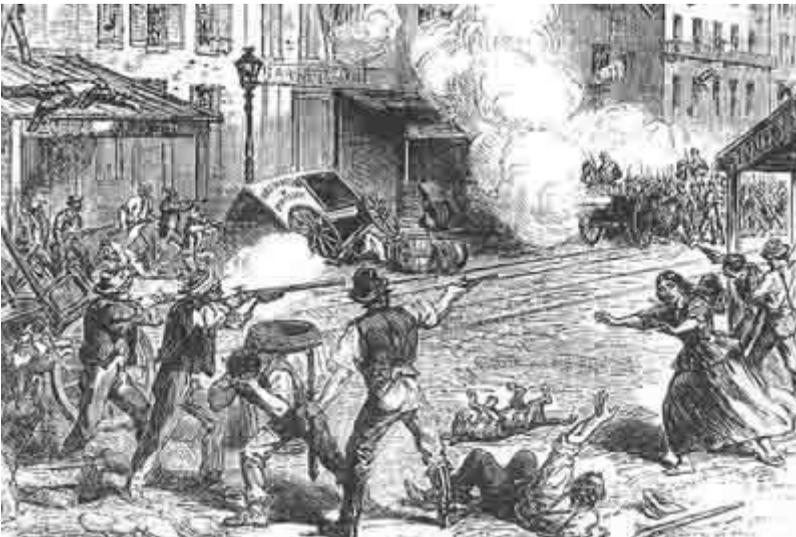
Thornton Blackburn was born enslaved circa 1812, to Sibby Blackburn, in what is now Maysville Kentucky. He was sold at least twice before meeting his wife Lucie in the city of Louisville. The couple were married in 1831 but were forced to live apart due to having different masters. When Lucie was sold a mere few months after their wedding, fearing what would be the fate of a beautiful, enslaved Creole woman, in the deep south, the couple planned their escape to the free northern states.



<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/764308292>

In July of 1831, the couple escaped to Indiana; forging freedom papers they made their way to Detroit where they lived free, for two years before being spotted as runaway slaves by a traveller from Kentucky, soon the couple were arrested and charged under the

Fugitive Slaves Act. What followed was the couple's dramatic escape to Canada, the "Blackburn riots" of 1833, and the support of the Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, Major General Sir John Colborne.



<https://newsghana.com.gh/historical-and-political-context-of-the-1833-blackburn-rebellion-in-detroit/>

Lucie was the first to escape her imprisonment, helped by women who came to pray with her in the jailhouse, there they hatched their ingenious plan; one of the women switched places with Lucie, this gave her enough time to flee, board a boat that took her to the Canadian side of the Detroit River to freedom. Thornton's escape was even more fraught, while chained in the jailhouse waiting to be sent south to his masters, over 200 armed men and women from the community marched through the streets, they were able to free him. While he thwarted capture many times, and taking several detours to shake his would-be captors, Thornton eventually crossed the river to Sandwich (now Windsor), Ontario, where he was reunited with Lucie.



<https://windsorthenwindsornow.wordpress.com/2011/07/03/upper-canada-eh-windsor-in-1837/>

Their escape to Canada and the riots their arrest ignited, drew attention from the acting Governor of Michigan, who demanded their extradition back to the United States. Sir Colborne was a fierce opponent of slavery, and asked Attorney General Robert S. Jameson to find legal grounds to protect the couple. After finding that Blackburn's had committed no capital crime, and there was no punishment in British colonial law that support enslavement, Sir Colborne rejected the United States' extradition request, and the couple were allowed to stay in Canada. This decision remains the foundation of Canadian extradition law to this day.



<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/thornton-and-lucie-blackburn>

Eventually the couple moved and settled in Toronto, and it was here that Thornton was reunited with his brother Alfred who also escaped slavery from Kentucky. Soon after Thornton decided he needed to rescue his mother from enslavement, he took the Underground Railroad backwards from

Detroit into Kentucky, and he brought his mother back safely to Toronto where she lived the rest of her days.



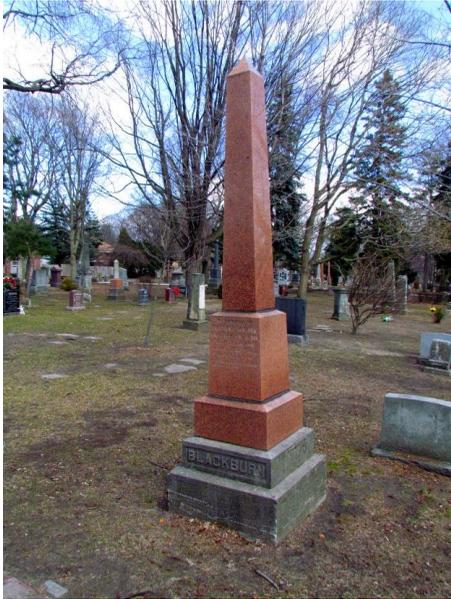
<https://globalnews.ca/news/6601355/thornton-lucie-blackburn-toronto/>

Thornton's first job in Toronto was a waiter at Osgoode Hall but he saw the city's need for a taxicab service. By 1837 he and Lucie started their company with a red and yellow box cab drawn by a single horse called "The City". While they only ever owned one cab their business was successful, allowing them to live comfortably and through their success they generously supported their community.



Little Trinity Anglican Church, 425 King Street East
(<https://littletrinity.org/>; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Trinity_Anglican_Church)

The Blackburn's housed those escaping enslavement in the United States, they also built six homes in St. John's Ward and rented them out to newcomers. They were one of the first families to donate to the construction of the Little Anglican Church, which still stands today. The couple were vocal abolitionists and Thornton was a delegate at the Convention of Coloured Freeman in September of 1851. Both Thornton and Lucie lived to old age, leaving behind a small fortune and several properties. The couple rest in Toronto's Necropolis, their plot is right beside the grave of George Brown, a Father of Confederation and Abolitionist in his own right.



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Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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