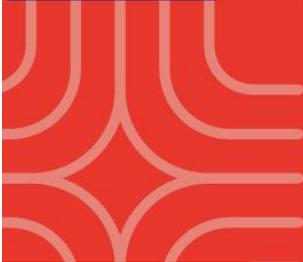


CHRISTMAS DAY



DECEMBER 25, 2022





St. Matthew
the Apostle, Oriole
Anglican Church

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

Priest and Pastor: The Rev. Sherri Golisky
Archdeacon: The Venerable Kyn Barker
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Music Director & Organist: Mr. David Braund
Lay Anointer: Mr. Clifford Wong

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. (Said) Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. (Sung) Holy Eucharist

The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

We welcome you today to St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church. The entire service is printed in the bulletin. Hymns are found in the blue book, Common Praise, unless otherwise noted. Updated guidelines for the coming weeks:

- we ask everyone to wear a mask for in-person worship
- anointing and the common cup will temporarily be paused
- we continue to run an air-purifier during services
- distanced seating is available in south side pews
- the serving of refreshments following service will be on hold for the next while

Our Nursery and Sunday School programs have not yet resumed but we do have activity packages for children to use in church during the service and are available from the Sidespeople. Our Messy Church program runs monthly on a Saturday morning.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: "In dulci jubilo" Marcel Dupré

Sentence: *(please stand)*

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10-11*

Hymn 118 (v 1-5) "O come, all ye faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

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 *(please remain standing)*

Celebrant: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives 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 Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. *(Isaiah 52:7-10)*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 chant: Thalben-Ball p. 836

SECOND LESSON

Reader: A reading from a Letter to the Hebrews

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He

is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

(Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12))

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 132 (v1-3) "Of eternal Love begotten"DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his

John: 1:1-14

own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 0

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (as announced)

Please stand, sit or kneel as is most prayerful and comfortable for you

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, the sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

(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.

Celebrant: 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)*

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

All: And also with you.

At this time, we ask that we share smiles and waves only and please remain in your place.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Offertory Hymn: 121 "O little town of Bethlehem"FOREST GREEN
..... Descant by Thomas Armstrong

Prayer over the Gifts *(please stand)*

Celebrant: God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our

hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift 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, 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: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

THE COMMUNION

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei (said)

**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.

Communion Hymn: 148 "See amid the winter's snow" WINTER'S SNOW

Motet: "A boy was born in Bethlehem" David Braund

Prayer after Communion (*please stand*)

Celebrant: Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you 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

Celebrant: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 154 "Joy to the world!" ANTIOCH

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Little Fugue on Joy to the world" David Braund

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Sidespersons:	The Val Seales Team
Readers:	Jeff Rowell, Angela Braund
Intercessor:	Veronica Edwards-Williams
Livestreaming:	Robbie Roberts

CYCLE OF PRAYER

World: The Anglican Church of Melanesia
ACC* Director Joe Vecsi and the staff of Communications and Information Resources; Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer Amal Attia and the staff of Financial Management and Administration

Diocese: Christmas Day

Deanery: Spiritual & Religious Care at North York General Hospital, Long Term Care Homes and Senior's Residences

Parish: Families of **Timothy Barker, Beadle & Bent**

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Next Week's Readings ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

<i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i>	<i>Ps 72:1-7, 10-14</i>
<i>Ephesians 3:1-12</i>	<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>

Isaiah 52:7-10

One of the interesting aspects of the book of Isaiah is its focus on Jerusalem. In the first part of the book (Isaiah 1-39) Jerusalem is a city of corruption, oppression and betrayal, whose wise men and rulers naively believe that God will deliver it. And indeed, at the close of First Isaiah, Jerusalem is delivered from the Assyrian king Sennacherib's siege in a miraculous way. One hundred and fifteen years later though, the Babylonians devastated the city and took its leaders captive, in a crisis that left the people in deep doubt of God's faithfulness. To these despairing deportees, Isaiah of Babylon (c. 540 BCE) speaks a word of consolation and hope, proclaiming that the God who created the world can create new possibilities, and will lead the people back to rebuild Jerusalem. In chapter 52, the prophet in Babylon summons the devastated Jerusalem to wake up and rouse itself (vv 1-2). He recalls Israel's history—enslaved in Egypt, then centuries later the northerners enslaved by the Assyrian Empire, and most recently Jerusalem and Judah's

inhabitants deported and enslaved by the Babylonians. Once again, says God, this despised people will know my name and my power to act (vv 3-6). In a great visionary oracle of hope, Isaiah proclaims the coming of heralds, messengers who will proclaim and end to turmoil and war and a time of peace and joy for the devastated city. It is time for the deportees to pack up and leave Babylon and its values behind, not in flight, fear, and haste as the people once left Egypt fleeing Pharaoh, but with dignity under God's protection. (vv 7-12). But what immediately follows (52:13-53:12) is the last of Isaiah's great Servant Songs, which we hear every Good Friday. The journey to hope for God's faithful people is also a journey through suffering and rejection. *[Dr. Walter Deller/2022]*

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Parish News

CHURCH OPEN FOR EVENING AND MORNING PRAYER ~ Join Reverend Sherri in the Anglican tradition of the Daily Office: Evening Prayer every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and Morning Prayer every Friday at 9:00 a.m. **at the church** or you may also join on Zoom. All are welcome! Zoom links.

Tuesday 5 p.m. link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83319472559?pwd=dTNXTG5xSUZ4Qm1pdXhETjJIQXRFQT09>

Friday 9 a.m. link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81104361548?pwd=TGNCQThzYURKZ0g4bkNkOEVqQVRqQT09>.

CHURCH OPEN TO VISITORS ~ Tuesdays from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. the south doors, *only*, will be open to visitors. Please ring the Bell outside the East wing door (on the left frame) for entry.

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

Church Updates

ACCESSIBILITY



We are very pleased to share that we are now equipped with a Hearing Assist System. If you think you may benefit from the use of a hearing assist device for services, please speak to one of our sides people who will direct you to our sound system volunteers.

New



CHOIR MEMBERS

Welcome!

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING THE CHOIR?

Sing with us at the 10:00 a.m. service,
practice Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. and Sunday
at 9:30 a.m.

Instrumentalists are welcome to join, as well,
for occasional service music.

Email davidbraund@sympatico.ca or speak to
David after the service.

Parish Calendar

Parish Calendar	
December	
Saturday, 3rd	Messy Church with Spiral Walk – 11:00 a.m. Advent Spiral Walk 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Open to all. Registration needed.
Tuesday, 6th	Advent Study "Light One Candle" 7:30 p.m. on Zoom
Wednesday, 7th	Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 13th	Advent Study "Light One Candle" 7:30 p.m. on Zoom
Wednesday 14th	Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 15th	Travel Adventure Series – 7:00 p.m. on Zoom
Saturday, 17th	Christmas Pageant rehearsal – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 20th	Advent Study "Light One Candle" 7:30 p.m. on Zoom
Wednesday 21st	Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
Saturday 24th	Christmas Eve Family Service with Pageant and Communion - 4:30 p.m. (<i>Children participating to arrive at 4:00 p.m.</i>) Christmas Eve Communion Service - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 25th	Christmas Day Communion Service – 10:00 a.m. (<i>no 8:00 a.m. service</i>)
January	
Sunday, 1st	The Epiphany of the Lord
Wednesday, 4th	Bible Study resumes – 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.
Sunday, 8th	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday, 10th	Advisory Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m. on Zoom
Wednesday, 11th	Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. / Choir practice – 7:15 p.m.
	More to come



**THE CHRISTMAS GREENERY AND PLANTS
are given to the glory of God by:**

The Barker Family	In memory of Jack and, Elva and Grant Edmiston
Maurice and Victoria Charles	In memory of Edgar and Gwendolyn Charles and siblings, John and Letitia Teague and siblings
Donna Lam, Diana Ewert-Lam, Philip, Rebekah and Matthew Lam	In loving memory of Barbara and Alfred Lam, Gertrude and Arthur Van Ryck deGroot, and Eunice and Neville Luck
Delores Lawrence	In memory of loved ones
Margaret, David, Kim, Tommy and Maddy McQuiston	In memory of Tom and Ella McQuiston
Paula and Gord Mount	In memory of loved ones
Janice Sanders	In memory of George and Audrey Sanders, Robert and Wendy Blatchford
Jane and Steve O'Keefe	In memory of our parents and brother-in-law Bill and loved ones
Val and Elan Seales	In memory of loved ones Evangeline , Cecil & Edd Williams, and Colville & Muriel Seales
Sylvia Sutherland	In Thanksgiving

Your Churchwardens
wish you a
**BLESSED
CHRISTMAS
SEASON!**



Val Seales
Steve O'Keefe
Norma Roberts
Nigel Jansz



A Very Special
THANK YOU

to all who have helped make Christmas 2022 such a joyful
celebration at St. Matthew:

Gwynne Barker and all the members of the altar guild for their help with special services, the Liturgical Team and Sidespeople, Diane Wilton for Messy Church, David Braund and the Choir for Advent and Christmas music, Kyn Barker for organizing the Reverse Advent Calendar food drive, and Emma Braund and Robbie Roberts for help with livestreaming our Services, Donna, our Office Assistant, the Churchwardens, and all who so generously supported those in need in our community this Christmas.

e-Transfer

In addition to the six ways you can donate, we're pleased to announce that we now have an additional way of giving available - **eTransfer**.

The email for the eTransfer is treasurerstmatt@gmail.com

The question is "What is the Name of Rev. Sherri's dog?"

Other ways of giving include:

- You can arrange Pre-Authorized Giving [here](#) on our website.
- You can put your cheque or cash in the Black Mail box (locked) at the George Henry entrance.
- You can mail in your cheque.
- Your weekly/monthly envelope, and,
- You can give online through [CanadaHelps](#)

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CONTACT INFORMATION

You may reach the Rev. Sherri by email at priest-stmatthewthepostleoriele@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: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Please email the office at stmatthewthepostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca or office@stmatthew.ca to make an appointment.

Parish Officers

Rector's Warden	Valerie Seales
Peoples' Warden	Steve O'Keefe
Rector's Deputy Warden	Nigel Jansz
Peoples' Deputy Warden	Norma Walker Roberts
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10:00	Valerie Seales
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Alternative Synod Member	Delores Lawrence
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