



**St. Matthew**  
**the Apostle, Oriole**  
Anglican Church

*Come. See. Journey.*

**10:00 A.M.**

***Second Sunday in Lent***

March 5th, 2023

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

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



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

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Lay Anointer: Mr. Clifford Wong

### **Today at St. Matthew**

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

We Livestream our 10:00 a.m. service  
at [www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube](http://www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube)

**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**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. 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.*

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**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Prelude: "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele" .....Johannes Brahms

**Territorial Acknowledgment**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish-With-One-Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Sentence:

The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.  
*John 3.14-15*

Hymn: 347 "The God of Abraham praise" ..... LEONI

## 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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY *(please remain standing)*

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

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who 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 Genesis:

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*(Genesis: 12:1-4A)*

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 121 chant: Walford Davies ..... p. 882

## SECOND LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*(Romans 4:1-5, 13-17)*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: 456 "He comes to us as one unknown" ..... LOBT GOTT

## 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 John

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Archdeacon: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old?"

Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, what whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*(John 3:1-17)*

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: The Rev. Canon John Wilton

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(as announced)*

*(Please stand, sit, or kneel as is most comfortable and prayerful for you.)*

### Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(silence).*

Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Offertory Hymn: 529 "God, my hope on you is founded" ..... MICHAEL

**Prayer Over the Gifts** *(please stand)*

Celebrant: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **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, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in 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, 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 (*sung*)**

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 (*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.*

Communion Hymn: 78 "Deck yourself, my soul with gladness" ..... SCHMÜKE DICH

Motet: "God so loved the world" ..... John Goss

## **Prayer after Communion** *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, 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: 393 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise" ..... T. DENIO

### **DISMISSAL**

Celebrant: Go in peace loving and serving the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "O world, I must now leave thee" ..... Johannes Brahms

## **ASSISTING TODAY**

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Sidespersons:  | Val Seales Team             |
| Readers:       | Judy Jackson, Steve O'Keefe |
| Intercessor:   | Helen Edmonds               |
| Livestreaming: | Robbie Roberts              |

## **CYCLE OF PRAYER**

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| World:   | Church of the Province of South East Asia  |
| ACC*     | The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island |
| Diocese: | Bishop Andrew Asbil  |
| Deanery: | Flemingdon Park Ministry   |
| Parish:  | Families of <b>Edwards-Williams, England &amp; Evans</b>   |

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### **Next Week's Readings ~ Third Sunday in Lent**

*Exodus 17:1-7*

*Psalm 95*

*Romans 5:1-11*

*John 4:5-42*

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### **Genesis 12:1-4a**

During Lent this year, our Old Testament readings offer us a series of episodes that draw on the biblical narrative's portrayal of God's desire for human wholeness, our human propensity to choose what will lead to broken human community and a broken world, and God's constant restorative work to enable new possibilities for wholeness of life and community. Genesis's account of the earliest human history, sometimes referred to as the Primeval History, is a group of stories connected to other ancient near eastern mythic stories that answer basic questions like: How did the world get here? (Gen. 1) How did humans come to be on earth? (Gen. 1 and 2) When did people begin to worship God? (Gen. 4) Why is there suffering, death, murder, and violence, and why does God not do something about it? (Gen. 3-10) How come there are so many different peoples and languages? (Gen. 11). These stories are not scientific accounts, but rather they seek to explore human dilemmas in ways that press us to understand different dimensions of the human condition in our relationship with the creating God. Genesis 11 explores the beginnings of human pride, technology, and violence in the story of a big project to build a great tower—likely a ziggurat like those built in ancient Babylon to protect kings and priests from the people whom they dominated and taxed, and as storehouses for the wealth they

seized. But the story ends with God descending and scattering the peoples in many clans and languages. In the violence and hopelessness, a migrant family leaves the Babylonian region, and seeks a better life to the north in Haran. We hear how Noah's descendants finally seem about to die out in an elderly couple with no children. (Gen. 11:30-32.) But the God who creates the world, Israel's God, YHWH, is a God of surprises. In today's reading we hear how God calls this elderly couple with no future on a journey into a new place, a new migration. At the heart of this call are three promises that form the central theme of the entire Torah, the history of Israel and the mission of the Church: God will give the couple descendants so they can know community; God will give them a land so they can have a place of safety and security to live; and God will enable them to know God-self, and will bless them so that they in turn can become a blessing for the whole world. [Dr. Walter Deller/2023]

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## Parish News

**EVENING PRAYER** ~Join Reverend Sherri in the Anglican tradition of the Daily Office: Evening Prayer every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at the church or you may also join on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83319472559?pwd=dTNXTG5xSUZ4Qm1pdXhETjJIQXRFRQ> T09. All are welcome!

**LENTEN STUDY** ~ **Thursday evenings, March 9, 16, 23, and 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.** We will be using the book *"Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study based on African American Spirituals"* as our guide. Zoom details to come.



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**Saturday, March 18th at 11:00 a.m.** *"Jesus in the desert."* Messy Church is church that is fun, for adults and kids! Please register by Tues. March 14th at [office@stmatthew.ca](mailto:office@stmatthew.ca). Let us know the names of children and adult attending, the ages of children and whether there are any allergies.

**PASTORAL CARE** ~ Rev. Sherri is away on vacation and will be back tomorrow, Monday, March 6th. In case of a pastoral emergency in Reverend Sherri's absence, please contact one of your wardens (Val Seales at 416-490-0943 or Steve O'Keefe at 416 529-6173) and they will direct you.

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN TO VISITORS** ~ Tuesdays from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. via the main South door. 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.

| <b>Parish Calendar</b> |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>March</b>           |   |
| Wednesday 1st          | <b>Choir Practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>                               |
| Tuesday 7th            | <b>Evening Prayer – 5:00 p.m.</b> ( <i>in-person and Zoom</i> ) |
| Wednesday 8th          | <b>Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. / Choir Practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>    |
| Thursday 9th           | <b>Lenten Study – 7:30 p.m.</b>                                 |
| Tuesday 14th           | <b>Evening Prayer – 5:00 p.m.</b> ( <i>in-person and Zoom</i> ) |
| Wednesday 15th         | <b>Choir Practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>                               |
| Thursday 16th          | <b>Lenten Study – 7:30 p.m.</b>                                 |
| Saturday 18th          | <b>Messy Church – 11:00 a.m.</b>                                |
| Thursday 21st          | <b>Lenten Study – 7:30 p.m.</b>                                 |
| Wednesday 22nd         | <b>Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. / Choir Practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>    |
| Thursday 23rd          | <b>Lenten Study – 7:30 p.m.</b>                                 |
| Wednesday 29th         | <b>Choir Practice – 7:15 p.m.</b>                               |
| Thursday 30th          | <b>Lenten Study – 7:30 p.m.</b>                                 |

## Do You Enjoy Knitting?



You can help to make mittens and hats for children in the Flemington Ministry.

Laurel Bresnahan (416-429-1161) will donate some wool so that mittens and hats can be included, with the school materials and new toothbrushes, and toothpaste, in school backpacks that are given out mid-August to students.

This is an on-going community project.

Email: [laurelb@rogers.com](mailto:laurelb@rogers.com)

## ATTENTION!

### All who give via Pre-Authorized Giving (PAR), E-transfer, or Canada Helps

*I give online*

We now have small cards available for you at the service, which you can use to place in the collection plate as a symbol of your electronic offering. Please speak to one of the sidespeople.

## e-Transfer

**We Accept**



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

The email for the eTransfer is [treasurerstmatt@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerstmatt@gmail.com)

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

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 in church, and,
- ✓ You can give online through CanadaHelps

## PRIEST-IN-CHARGE CONTACT INFORMATION

You may reach the Rev. Sherri by email at [priest-stmatthewtheapostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:priest-stmatthewtheapostleoriele@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 [stmatthewtheapostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:stmatthewtheapostleoriele@toronto.anglican.ca) or [office@stmatthew.ca](mailto:office@stmatthew.ca) to make an appointment.

## **Parish Officers**

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| Rector's Warden                 | Val Seales                                   |
| Peoples' Warden                 | Steve O'Keefe                                |
| Rector's Deputy Warden          | Nigel Jansz                                  |
| Peoples' Deputy Warden          | Norma Walker Roberts                         |
| Office/Rentals                  | Donna Lam                                    |
| Treasurer &<br>Bookkeeper       | Sandra Lumb<br><i>treasurer@stmatthew.ca</i> |
| Sidepersons 8:00 a.m.           | Trevor Evans                                 |
| Chairs 10:00 a.m.               | Valerie Seales                               |
| Music Director/Organist         | David Braund                                 |
| Envelope Secretary              | Sandra Lumb                                  |
| Synod Representative            | Margaret Gordon Allen                        |
| Alternate Member of Synod       | Norma Walker Roberts                         |
| Sunday School Director          | Diane Wilton                                 |
| Messy Church Facilitator        | Diane Wilton                                 |
| Altar Guild Chair               | Gwynne Barker                                |
| Fundraising                     | Bonnie LaRue<br>Sherry Jansz                 |
| Growing Healthy Stewards Chair  | Delores Lawrence                             |
| Social Justice & Outreach Chair | Anne Creighton                               |
| Hospitality                     | Valerie Seales<br>Margaret Gordon Allen      |